

North Carolina Department of Public Safety
Prisons
Policy Summary Sheet



Conditions of Confinement

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Section: .0300

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Current Revision Summary (if applicable):

All current changes are highlighted in yellow.

Minor grammatical corrections made. DC-141 (Daily Report of Segregated Offender) added where appropriate to Electronic Rounds Tracking Tablet.

Specific Changes

.0301 Conditions of Confinement

Page 3 (b) authority to designate restrictive housing and control housing changed to be authority of Director of Prisons or designee for (1) through (7) housing types.

Page 4 (e) Added sentence that states, "Supervisory staff and/or the OIC will review electronic rounds and/or DC-141 to ensure the proper rounds are being made and documented for each post/position." (h) added language to clarify the documentation of significant events on the Electronic Rounds Tracking Tablet and DC-141 forms.

Pages 4-5 language added clarifying OIC inspection of security room (time limited cells) and proper use of sign in logs. Statement (j) has been added to policy and it states, "Offenders from general population who provide sanitation and other janitorial services in the Restricted Housing Unit, must be strip searched upon entrance and exit to the area and remain under direct supervision of a staff member at all times."

.0303 Sanitation/Safety/Personal Hygiene

Subgroup (a) through (f) in original policy amended and renumbered (a) through (e).

Page 5 Language added concerning housing facilities, “ventilated, and inspected at least daily by assigned staff. Nightlights in cells will be sufficiently bright to allow officer(s) to clearly see inside the cell without use of a flashlight.” In (b) additional language added so now reads, “Cell inspections will be logged on a daily shift log. All lights and windows will be uncovered and free of obstruction.’

.0305 Shower/Shave

Page 8 (b) “Emergency Response Manager” changed to read “Facility Head or Incident Commander.”

.0306 Exercise Periods

Page 10 (d) “Emergency Response Manager” changed to read “Facility Head or Incident Commander.”

.0310 Personal Property

Page 14 (a) has additional language concerning containers and bottles for hygiene items, “nor will offenders be allowed to possess any containers and bottles for hygiene items that could be used to throw liquids; if allowed, the number of containers/bottles must be controlled as well as clear.”

Page 15 added additional section (c) which reads, “Offenders who are assigned to HCON, RHAP, RHCP or RHDP may possess in their cells hardbound legal or religious publications or post-secondary educational materials received as part of a course of study. Hardbound bound legal, religious or post-secondary educational publications larger than “8 1/2 x 11” or more than 2 inches thick are authorized unless the facility head identifies a specific security threat or storage issue caused by the offender’s possession of the publication. Hardbound publications not identified as legal, religious or post-secondary educational materials are not authorized. All publications that are spiral-bound with wire are unauthorized items.

.0315 Visits

Page 19 added additional section (e) “For offenders found guilty of assault on staff resulting in physical injury, personal visitation privileges will be suspended for a minimum of 12 months with the possibility of up to 24 months.”

.0316 Use of Restraints-Internal Movement/Control

Page 20 (a) (2) Additional statement added which states, “Each offender shall be placed in handcuffs behind the back before the cell door is opened and waist chains and leg irons are required for any escort outside the special housing area;

showers are secured with doors that contain a handcuff pass to permit secure removal of the handcuffs. Also, additional information provided stating, "All exit doors shall be secured before offenders are removed from the Security Room and offenders are handcuffed behind their back prior to leaving the secure area. Any deviation from this practice shall require the OIC's approval, and each requested deviation from policy must be considered separately. Reasons for any deviation will be documented on the activity log. Offenders shall be in a secure area when moved for shower/exercise."

.0317 Access to Health Care

Page 21 (a) Additional language added which states, "and Facility SOPs require medical staff have contact with each offender in the Security Room as specified for their facility type in section A-5 of the DOP Health Care Manual.

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