# EXTERIOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICER



# U. S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement

Artesia Family Residential Center

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# **POST ORDERS**





U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement Artesia Family Residential Center, Artesia, NM

**Specific Post Orders** 

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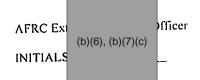
# ASSUME POST:

Prior to assuming any post, the Exterior Transport Officer will review and sign the post orders in the Sign-In-Record. Review the previous log entries, inspect and inventory any equipment assigned to the post, review the informal pass on log, and ask the supervisor about any changes in Post Orders, operating procedures, and other information pertinent to the post.

Complete a physical inspection of the vehicle and general area to identify any potential sanitation, safety or maintenance deficiencies.

# DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The Officers shall comply with all State and Federal (including Department of Transportation, Interstate Commerce Commission, and Environmental Protection Agency) motor vehicle regulations including, but not limited to, the following:
  - When necessary, officers shall ensure that a sufficient number of car seats are properly installed in the transport vehicle.
  - All Officers should remain alert and aware of their surroundings while transporting residents.
  - A minimum(b)(7)(e)Officers will be utilized on any non-medical escorted trip.
  - At no time during the transfer of residents should the vehicle be left unattended.
  - When it becomes necessary to stop for fuel at a service station, the stop should be made as quickly as possible and extra surveillance should be taken in the area of the vehicle.
  - Officers on any particular route should notify the Supervisory Immigration Enforcement Agent (SIEA) as of the route being taken, unusual incidents, or any other information that is pertinent to properly doing their iobs.
  - Officers should immediately report any unusual occurrences or incidents to the SIEA on duty.
  - Wear seat belt when the vehicle is moving.
  - Inspect the vehicle, using a checklist and noting any defects that could render the vehicle unsafe or inoperable.
  - Transport residents in a safe and humane manner.
  - Verify individuals and check documentation when transferring or receiving residents.
  - Drive defensively, protect the vehicle and occupants; obey traffic laws and report damages or accidents immediately.
  - Re-inspect the vehicle and complete a vehicle inspection report, including an odometer reading, after each
  - Safeguard credit cards assigned to the vehicle.



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All Officers assigned to transportation are subject to U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) drug and alcoholtesting (separate from the random testing used in the drug-free workplace program). Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited.

#### YOU MUST ENSURE:

- Before the start of each detail the vehicle is thoroughly searched.
- A positive identification of all residents being transported is confirmed.
- The number of residents being transported does not exceed the manufacturer's occupancy level.
- The vehicle crew must conduct a visual count once all passengers are on board and seated.
- Additional visual counts are made whenever the vehicle makes a scheduled or unscheduled stop.
- You notify Control Center when transporting females and provide your starting mileage. Transportation Officers names, call signs, and transport detail start time.
- Once your destination is reached contact Control Center. Same procedure must be conducted upon return trip.
- The transport vehicle is searched before exiting the facility to ensure that no property was left behind in the vehicle.
- Ensure no one makes contact with the residents.
- (b)(7)(e) remains in the vehicle at all times when residents are present.
- Meals that meet the minimum dietary standards are provided during long distance transfers that exceeds six hours
- The vehicles are clean and sanitary at all times.
- All equipment assigned to the transport vehicles are maintained in a safe and secure manner.
- The transport vehicle is not left unattended.
- No unauthorized persons will be permitted to enter the roving vehicle at any time.
- Females shall be seated in the front of the vehicle.
- Females shall be separated from males.
- All facility employees authorized to operate a government or contract vehicle in the course of their official duties must have a G-391 "Official Detail" form when driving the government or contract vehicle outside of the facility perimeter or when escorting residents.

#### **RECURRING DUTIES:**

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	Morning meal provided in accordance with scheduled meal rotation.	
(b)(7)(e)	Obtain daily roster from SIEA.	
	Ensure residents with scheduled appointments are presented to the designated area. necessary transportation of residents outside the facility is completed as directed.	Ensure
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Census:

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Unit Cleanup:

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Officers will ensure the vehicles and any area used is kept clean and sanitized.

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# **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS:**

• If at any time you feel you, other staff members, or residents are in imminent physical danger.

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- In the event of an emergency such as a fire or unauthorized entry into the building, contact the Control Center and the SIEA immediately to advise them of the situation and await instructions.
- Should an exit door fail after receiving proper authorization to evacuate residents, you will notify the facility Control Center to request assistance and if possible, proceed to another exit.

It is not expected that these post orders will cover every conceivable situation that you may be confronted with while performing your assigned duties. However, you are expected to exercise good judgment in the application of these orders. Any questions or concerns should be directed to your supervisor.

THIS POLICY WILL BE REVIEWED AT LEAST ANNUALLY AND UPDATED AS NEEDED.

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# SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS



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Addendum to Post Orders

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ADD TO:

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

#### Resident identification -

Officers must ensure all residents, including children, have in their possession an identification card prior to being transported to any appointment. Should the resident not have the identification card(s), ensure they return to their room to retrieve the identification card(s). Escort residents to Processing to obtain a new identification card in the event the resident has misplaced theirs.

# GENERAL POST ORDERS



# **General Post Orders**

- 1. Officers are required to be in full and proper uniform, if applicable.
- 2. Prior to assuming any post, read, familiarize yourself with, and sign the acknowledgment form attached to the post orders.
- 3. Take charge of your post and all property that it contains. You are responsible for the safety and security of your post as well as resident discipline. All government property is to be inspected for proper working condition. Memorandums will be completed regarding any item that is not properly functioning. Unusual detainee behavior will be reported to your immediate supervisor.
- 4. Never leave the post to which you are assigned until properly relieved. You will perform your assigned duties until you have been properly relieved.
- 5. Be alert and vigilant at all times. Maintain a constant awareness of your surroundings. By maintaining a highly visible profile, residents are less likely to commit prohibited acts.
- 6. Immediately report any unusual circumstance to your supervisor. Keep your immediate supervisor informed of any activity that may lead to unrest. Interaction with residents on a professional level can assist you in gathering information. This type of preventative measure may stop a potential problem before it occurs.
- 7. Officers are responsible for maintaining safety, security, and sanitation of their assigned post.
- 8. Adhere to and pass on to your relief any changes in post orders, operating procedures, and other information pertinent to the post. If you received special instructions during you tour, be sure to pass them on to the relieving officer. Special instructions should also be noted in the appropriate logbook. Get as much information from the previous officer as you can. The more you know about the population's attitude, the better you can prepare yourself to take over the post. Extend the same professional courtesy to the officer that relieves you.
- 9. Notify the shift supervisor IMMEDIATELY in the event of fire, disorder, escape, or injury to anyone. KEEP CALM! Use your radio to notify the supervisor. If radio traffic is heavy, use any available phone. Fire alarms are also located throughout the facility.
- 10. Residents are to be treated with courtesy and respect. Recognizing the effect of personal appearance, speech, conduct, and demeanor in communicating the appropriate sense of authority, every officer shall dress, speak, and act with the utmost professionalism.
- 11. Contact your immediate supervisor in any event that is not covered by instruction. If a situation arises that you have not previously encountered, contact your immediate supervisor for direction in handling the matter.
- 12. Keep accurate log entries of all noteworthy events that take place. By constantly updating your logbook, you assure that any future questions regarding your duties will be easily answered. This will leave little room for negative interpretation of your performance.

13. Maintain accountability of residents at all times. Verify the census and/or identity of residents un your control. Conduct random census of residents under your supervision to ensure all are present.	nder
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# **MEMORANDUM**



# FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS



# **ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD**

# TRANSPORTATION (BY LAND)

PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Vehicles are properly equipped, maintained, and operated and residents are transported in a secure, safe and humane manner, under the supervision of trained and experienced staff, preventing harm to the public.

# I. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:

- 1. The general public, residents, and staff will be protected from harm when residents are transported.
- 2. Vehicles used for transporting residents will be properly equipped, maintained, and operated.
- 3. Residents will be transported in a safe and humane manner, under the supervision of trained and experienced staff.
- 4. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
- 5. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### II. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

#### III. REFERENCES

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association 4th Edition Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-1B-01, 1B-03, 1B-04, 1B-05, 1B-06.

ICD/DRO Residential Standard on Transfer of Residents.

Memorandum dated 7/14/2006 on "Escape Reporting" from the ICE/DRO Director, which specifies requirements for the reporting, tracking, and investigating of the escape of an ICE/DRO resident.

ICE Residential Standard for "Use of Physical Force"

#### IV. EXPECTED PRACTICES

# A. Written Policy and Procedures Required

The facility administrator shall develop and implement written policy, procedures, and guidelines for the transportation of residents, addressing at a minimum the following subjects:

- 1. General policy and procedures governing safety, security, operations, communications, equipment;
- 2. Vehicle inspections and repair;
- 3. Vehicle occupancy;
- 4. Arrangement of seating of residents in transportation vehicles;
- 5. State and Federal requirements that relate to the transport of children in vehicles, including car seats, etc.
- 6. Procedures in the event of:
  - Vehicle failure.
  - Traffic accident,
  - Severe weather or natural disaster,
  - An emergency situation, as specified later in this document,
  - Transport of females or children,
  - Transport of residents whose physical or mental conditions preclude prolonged travel.

#### **B.** Vehicle Maintenance

All vehicles used for transporting ICE/DRO residents shall be comply with annual safety inspections in accordance with applicable statutes. Vehicles may not be used for transportation if any safety repairs are needed.

# C. Transportation Planning and Scheduling

The Facility Administrator (FA) has overall responsibility for all aspects of vehicle operations.

The FA is responsible for establishing schedules for and monitoring vehicular maintenance, making logistical arrangements to transport residents, supervising and instructing personnel, and protecting resident security. Before departure, the facility shall revise plans as necessary, based on weather and road conditions and any other last-minute security considerations.

The Residential Standard on **Transfer of Residents** specifies requirements for communication between a sending facility and a receiving facility.

# D. Transporting Staff Responsibilities

#### 1. Training Required

All facility staff assigned to bus transportation duties must have a valid current Commercial Driver's License (CDL) issued by the state. Bus-driver trainees may operate the vehicle during any segment of a run when residents are not on board, but only under the direct and constant supervision of a **certified bus instructor** licensed by the state in which they are driving.

#### 2. Forms and Files

For each vehicle operator and others assigned to a bus, supervisors shall maintain at the official duty station a file containing:

- Certificate of Completion from the ICE/DRO Bus Training Program,
- Copy of the most current physical examination, used to obtain the commercial driver's license (CDL); and
- Copy of the CDL.

Every motor vehicle operator shall complete forms SF-47, G-392, and G-294 for his or her official personnel folder (OPF) and is responsible for renewing those documents and providing copies for the OPF.

#### 3. Operating the Vehicle

The driver shall operate the vehicle in accordance with the CDL manual or the highest prevailing standard and must maintain complete control of the vehicle at all times, obeying all posted traffic signs (including speed limits) and exercising extreme caution, reduced speed, and common sense when negotiating a steep grade or driving in inclement weather or hazardous road conditions.

Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited. In addition to any other random testing as part of a drug-free workplace program, all staff assigned to transportation are subject to U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) drug- and alcohol-testing

The transporting staff shall comply with all State and Federal motor vehicle regulations (including DOT, Interstate Commerce Commission, and Environmental Protection Agency), in addition to the following:

- 1. Wearing a seat belt when the vehicle is moving;
- 2. Holding a valid CDL from the state where employed;
- 3. Inspecting the vehicle, using a checklist and noting any defect that could render the vehicle unsafe or inoperable;
- 4. Transporting residents in a safe and humane manner;
- 5. Verifying individual identities and checking documentation when transferring or receiving residents;
- Driving defensively, taking care to protect the vehicle and occupants; obeying traffic laws; and immediately reporting damage or accidents;

- 7. Re-inspecting the vehicle after each trip and completing a vehicle inspection report, including an odometer reading;
- 8. 8. Returning the vehicle keys to the control staff or supervisor, according to facility procedures;
- Recording authorized expenses (such as fuel, emergency services, oil) on form G-205, "Government-owned Vehicle Record," specifying the exact amount and the date; keeping all receipts and turning them in along with the G-205 at the end of each month;
- 10. Safeguarding credit cards assigned to the vehicle.

# 4. Driving Hours and Number of Operators

Each staff employee must recognize the limitations imposed by his or her own driving skills, personal distractions, environmental conditions, and modify his or her driving accordingly. All crew members must strictly adhere to the following rules/restrictions – if a crew member is disqualified from participating in a residential transport by any or all of these rules, he or she has the responsibility to inform a transportation supervisor. The transportation supervisor must also ensure that each crew member is not disqualified from participating in the transport of residents.

- 1. Possession of current valid CDL by the bus operator(s);
- 2. Crew member must be off-duty for the 8 hours immediately preceding any trip or trip segment;
- 3. Crews members are restricted for transport duties to 10 hours, maximum, driving time (time on the road) per trip segment; 8 off-duty hours between segments;
- 4. Crew members are limited to 50 hours, maximum, driving time per work week; 70 hours, maximum, in any 8-day period;

An emergency or unforeseen and/or adverse driving conditions require, crew members to extent authorized travel time reach a safe and secure stopping area.

When vehicles without residents travel in tandem, (b)(7)(e) shall be assigned to each. may also drive empty vehicles for certain purposes, for example, maintenance trips

#### 5. Vehicle Security

Staff shall secure the vehicle before leaving it unattended, including removing the keys from the ignition immediately upon parking the vehicle.

Staff shall avoid parking in a location where the vehicle would attract undue attention or be vulnerable to vandalism or sabotage. If a parking area with adequate security cannot be located, staff shall contact the local law enforcement agency for advice or permission to use one of its parking places.

E.	Staff	Uniform	and	Equi	pment
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All staff transporting ICE/DRO residents shall wear their prescribed uniforms unless other attire is authorized by the facility administrator.

Every transporting staff shall be issued, and advised to wear, a (b)(7)(e) while participating in the transportation program.

Equipment recommended for each trip includes, among other things, the following:



# F. Pre-Departure Vehicle and Security Check

Prior to trip departure, all staff assigned to transport residents must be present to ensure a complete and thorough inspection and search and shall:

- 1. Inspect the vehicle for mechanical and electrical problems.
- 2. Test the emergency exits and the key for every lock located in or on the vehicle. A complete set of these keys shall travel with the vehicle at all times, in a secure place known to every transporting staff.
- 3. Search for hidden weapons and other contraband, including the driver's compartment and glove compartment, the resident seating area, and the cargo compartment.
- 4. Take any necessary special precautionary measures for a resident identified as a special-handling case (security, medical, or psychological problems, etc.) while the search is in progress.
- 5. Search the staging area prior to loading residents to ensure the area is clear of any weapons or contraband.
- 6. Thoroughly search each resident as he or she is about to board the vehicle.

# G. Required Documents

#### 1. "Official Detail"

No resident may be removed from any facility, unless authorized in writing by ICE. Written authorization must include the name of the resident(s), the place or places to be escorted, the purpose of the trip and other information necessary to efficiently carry out the detail.

Before beginning the detail, the escorting and transportation staff shall read their instructions and clearly understand the purpose for which the resident is being taken from the facility. The staff shall also discuss emergency and alternate plans with the supervisor.

All completed transportation authorizations shall be filed in order (monthly), with the previous months readily available for review. Travel authorization shall be retained for a minimum of three years.

# H. Departure Scheduling and Security

The vehicle crew shall schedule driving times to ensure arrival of residents at the designated meeting area on schedule.

Before transferring residents from one facility to another, a designated staff shall provide the receiving office with the following information:

- 1. The estimated time of departure and arrival (ETD/ETA);
- 2. The number of residents in each of the following categories: new arrivals (remaining at the facility); drop-offs; juveniles/family units; and overnighters;
- 3. The total number of residents:
- 4. Any special-handling cases, detailing medications, restraints, etc.;
  - 5. Actual or estimated delays in departure, and revised ETA(s), if applicable.

# I. Transfer of Funds, Valuables, and Personal Property

Facility staff shall inspect and inventory the personal property of residents transferring from one facility to another in accordance with the Residential Standards on **Admission and Release** and **Funds and Personal Property**,

In addition, at the originating facility:

- 1. Staff shall ask each resident whether he or she has in his or her possession all funds, valuables, and other personal property listed on the I-216.
  - If a resident answers "yes," he or she may board the vehicle.
  - If a resident claims missing funds, valuables or personal property, the resident shall remain at the facility until completion of the required paperwork (SF-95 and I-387 or comparable forms). Photocopies of the completed forms are sufficient documentation for the transfer to proceed.
- 2. Staff shall include on each I-216, in the "checked baggage" section, the I-77 numbers, to be verified by receiving facility staff.
- 3. The lead driver shall check the manifest against the number of packages by resident name and A- number before signing the I-216 or placing the baggage on the bus.

In addition to the requirements of the Residential Standard on Funds and Personal Property:

- Staff shall completing a separate I-77 for each piece of baggage and record the resident's name on the top, middle, and bottom portions;
  - Attach the string on the top of the I-77 to the corresponding piece of baggage, and secure the resident's signature on the back of the I-77.
  - Attach the middle section to the copy of the I-385 that will accompany the resident to the final destination.

- The bottom portion is the resident's receipt.
- 2. Transporting staff shall record their initials, office designator, and ID number in the lower left corner of the bottom portion of the I-77.
- 3. Staff involved in the transfer shall identify residents with baggage by the I-77 attached to the I-385.

#### J. Loading a Vehicle

#### 1. Security and Occupancy

Staff shall be posted whenever residents enter or exit a vehicle.

The number of residents transported may not exceed the occupancy level established by the manufacturer's rated maximum capacity.

The escorting staff/assistant driver shall instruct the residents about rules of conduct during the trip.

All residents, particularly children and residents with special needs shall be safely transported in accordance with state vehicular laws, i.e, car seats, etc.

The main driver is responsible for managing the residents' move from the staging area into the vehicle. The number of available staff shall determine whether they move at one time or in groups.

# 2. Items Residents May Keep in Their Possession

Ordinarily, residents in transport may keep the following in their possession: jewelry, cash, eyeglasses, prescription medicines, and receipts for property and money (G-589, I-77); however, if the transporting staff determine that any of these items would compromise staff or resident safety, it shall be removed from the resident's possession and placed in an appropriate storage area.

In some instances, the vehicle crew shall safeguard and dispense prescription medicines, noting the resident's name, A-number, and date and time(s) dispensed, and by whom. These notes shall be attached to the resident's medical record or A-file. In any instance where a vehicle crew may be required to dispense medication; documentation showing those staff are properly trained must be on file.

# 3. Count, Identification, and Seating

To confirm the identities of the residents they are transporting, the vehicle crew shall:

- 1. Summon the resident, by surname, to the vehicle. If a family group is being transported, all member of the family shall be identified, and parents or legal guardians shall answer for their child(ren) if child(ren) are under the age of 14.
- 2. Ask resident to state his or her complete name.
- 3. Compare name and face with the Booking Card (I-385) and attached photo and the Record of Persons and Property Transferred (I-216). If necessary, refer to the I-385 for additional biographical information.

- Seat each resident in accordance with written procedures from the facility administrator, with particular attention to residents with physical or mental health conditions, children, or who may need to be afforded closer observation for their own safety.
- 5. Conduct a visual count once all passengers are seated on board, and every time the vehicle makes a scheduled or unscheduled stop, before resuming the trip.
- 6. Ensure children are seated using proper restraints established by state law. Where required infant carriers, child safety seats, or booster seats will be used.

#### K. Responsibilities En Route

#### 1. Point of Contact

The next receiving office on the vehicle route serves as the contact point and is responsible for monitoring the vehicle's schedule.

Upon making contact with an arriving vehicle, the receiving staff shall certify that they are taking custody of the specified residents by signing the accompanying Form I-216.

Each office shall develop and post written guidelines for locating an overdue vehicle. If the vehicle does not arrive within range of the ETA, the contact point shall set the tracing procedures in motion.

#### 2. Safety and Security

For safety purposes, all personnel shall remain seated while the vehicle is in motion.

The vehicle crew shall keep doors locked when residents are on board, and the assistant driver is responsible for resident oversight during transport. Staff must maintain a clear view of the entire vehicle compartment and remain alert for behavior that could jeopardize safety and security.

Residents shall not have access to any personal baggage or packages while in transit (except as specified in Items Residents May Keep in Their Possession earlier in this document).

A complete set of keys for every lock located in or on the vehicle shall travel with the vehicle at all times, in a secure place known to every transporting staff, and the crew shall keep bolt cutters in the forward compartment with the outer equipment for use in an emergency.

An armed staff may not enter the secure area of the vehicle. If he or she must enter that area, the staff shall first leave the weapon(s) with another staff for safekeeping or, if the vehicle is equipped with weapons lockers, in a locker.

#### 3. Stops

During stops, which the vehicle crew shall keep to a minimum, residents shall not leave the vehicle until the transporting staff have secured the area. When the residents disembark, the staff shall keep them under constant observation to prevent external contact(s) and/or contraband smuggling. At least (b)(7)e staff shall remain in the vehicle when one or more residents are present.

#### L. Meals

The vehicle crew shall provide meals and snacks during any transfer of families. Staff shall consider when the residents last ate before serving meals and snacks, paying particular attention to the needs of infants and children.

The requirements specified in the Residential Standard on Food Service apply equally to food served in transit and food served in Residential facilities. Meals must satisfy the nutritional requirements of the sending facility. Special dietary needs should be identified to the food service department before departure, so suitable meals can be arranged.

In the interest of safety, residents shall have no access to eating utensils (disposable or not) while in transit.

Transporting staff shall observe safe-handling procedures at all times. Their responsibilities begin with the meals awaiting pickup from the food service department, which the vehicle crew must inspect (wrapping, portions, quality, quantity, thermos transport containers, etc.) Before accepting the meals, the vehicle crew shall raise and resolve questions, concerns, or discrepancies with the food service representative.

In transit, the crew shall store and serve food at the required temperatures, maintain personal hygiene, and meet all sanitation requirements. The crew shall maintain a constant supply of drinking water (and ice) in the water container(s), along with paper cups. Some disposable garbage receptacles (plastic bags) shall reside in the driver's compartment, with the remainder stored in the equipment box located in the forward baggage compartment.

The food service administrator shall monitor the condition and routine cleansing/sterilizing of drinking-water containers, basins, latrines, etc. in vehicles to ensure compliance with the Residential Standard on Food Service.

In an emergency, the transporting staff may purchase meals from a commercial source, obtaining receipts for later reimbursement.

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#### N. Vehicle Sanitation

Vehicles must be kept clean and sanitary at all times. The facility administrator shall establish the procedures and schedule for sanitizing facility vehicles. Vehicle crew responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Dumping septic tank contents at the locations specified.
- Maintaining an adequate supply of water and chemicals in the toilet at all times, which involves monitoring the inventory of chemical supplies stored in the forward baggage compartment.

#### O. Staff Conduct

Recognizing the effect of personal appearance, speech, conduct, and demeanor in communicating the appropriate sense of authority, every staff shall dress, speak, and act with the utmost professionalism.

Staff assigned to vehicle operations shall have contact with personnel from various Field and Sector offices, other government agencies, and with the general public. In all such, the staff shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on ICE/DRO.

The vehicle crew falls under the authority of the facility administrator and FOD with jurisdiction at each facility en route, whether an intermediate stop or final destination. This authority remains in effect until the vehicle's departure, and applies only to the current trip. If problems arise, the lead driver must contact the facility and nearest ICE office. Staff shall comply with all rules and procedures governing use of government vehicles. They shall not transport any personal items other than those needed to carry out their assigned duties during the trip. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are strictly prohibited.

Using ICE/DRO guidelines and common sense, staff shall handle the crises that occasionally arise. While treating all persons with courtesy and respect, they shall not sacrifice or compromise security to do so.

There shall be no smoking in any vehicle used or expected to be used in the transportation of families.

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# Q. Vehicle Equipment

All transport vehicles shall have emergency equipment and supplies commensurate with their size and capacity.:

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# S. Emergency Situations

The facility administrator shall establish written procedures for transportation staff to follow in an en-route emergency. The written procedures shall cover the following scenarios.

If an emergency occurs within a reasonable distance of an ICE/DRO office, the staff shall make every effort to reach that office before taking extraordinary measures. However, if moving seems ill-advised or impossible, they shall contact the office, stating location and the nature of the problem so the office can provide/secure assistance as quickly as possible.

If the situation is life-threatening, the vehicle crew cannot afford to wait for help from an ICE/DRO office; but shall take immediate action.

#### 1. Attack

If attacked, the vehicle crew should request assistance from the nearest law enforcement agency, continuing to drive until the vehicle is incapacitated. The transportation staff shall do everything possible to protect the safety of everyone in the vehicle.

#### 2. Escape

If a resident escapes, the transportation staff shall not jeopardize the security and accountability of the remaining residents by chasing the escapee. Instead, they shall notify the nearest ICE/DRO office, providing the escapee's name, A-number, height, weight, type of clothing and direction of flight (if known). The office shall directly relay this information to local law enforcement agencies.

The vehicle crew shall wait for assistance, under no circumstances using the vehicle to pursue the escapee. While waiting, the staff shall prepare a written report of the escape and/or attempted escape, fully documented.

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#### 4. Iliness

If a resident becomes ill while in transit, but the illness is not serious, the transporting staff shall take appropriate action and alert the receiving office so it can prepare to handle the situation.

If the illness requires immediate medical treatment, (for example, heart attack), staff shall request assistance from the nearest emergency services and local law enforcement agencies. The staff shall initiate life-saving procedures as appropriate, proceeding if security permits. The closest ICE/DRO office shall prepare procurement paperwork and make arrangements for hospitalization, security, etc.

#### 5. Death

If a resident dies while in transit, transporting staff shall notify the originating or receiving office as soon as possible, and follow the procedures specified in the Residential Standard on Terminal Illness, Advance Directives, and Death.

The closest ICE/DRO office shall coordinate with other agencies, including the coroner, required to be on the scene when the body is removed from the vehicle. This must take place in the State where death occurred. The Residential Standard on **Terminal Illness**, **Advance Directives**, and **Death** specifies the procedures with which the staff must comply.

#### 6. Fire

In case of fire in or on the vehicle, the driver shall immediately stop the vehicle. The crew shall fight the fire with the on-board equipment. If necessary, the staff shall request assistance from the local fire department and law enforcement agency. If the fire forces the occupants' evacuation of the vehicle, the crew is responsible for maintaining accountability while removing the residents in orderly fashion.

#### 7. Riots

If a riot, fight, or any disturbance occurs on the vehicle, the assistant driver shall order the residents to cease and the driver shall attempt to move the vehicle to the side of the road. If necessary, the crew shall request assistance from the local law enforcement agency. Efforts should be made to determine the instigators, number of residents involved, names and Anumbers.

When sufficient assistance is available, the transporting staff shall attempt to regain control, using only as much force as necessary. Staff may not enter the passenger area bearing arms.

#### 8. Traffic Accident

The facility administrator shall establish written procedures for vehicle crews involved in traffic accidents.

#### 9. Vehicle Failure

The facility administrator shall develop written procedures for transportation staff to follow when the vehicle develops mechanical problems en route.

#### 10. Natural Disasters

The facility administrator shall develop written procedures for transportation staff to follow in severe weather or a natural disaster.

## 11. Transporting Females and Children

The facility administrator shall develop written procedures for vehicle crews transporting women and/or children.

Children may not be transported by bus if the trip would exceed six hours. Otherwise, transportation by auto or van is required, with frequent breaks. When transporting children, State laws regarding car seats shall be followed.

Adult females may be transported by bus for up to ten hours. Otherwise, transportation by auto or van is required, with frequent breaks.

Staff shall search a resident of the opposite sex only in extreme circumstances, in the absence of a same-sex staff.

When transporting residents of the opposite gender, it is good practice for staff to call in their time of departure and odometer reading and then do so again upon arrival, to account for their time.

# 12. Transporting Resident with Special Needs

Facility administrator shall develop written procedures for transporting residents with special needs.

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# **ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD**

# **SEARCHES OF RESIDENTS**

- PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Contraband is detected, controlled, and/or property disposed of, protecting residents and staff and enhancing facility good order and security.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Residents will live and work in a safe and orderly environment.
  - 2. Contraband will be controlled.
  - 3. Searches of residents, housing and work areas will be conducted without unnecessary force and in ways that, insofar as is practical, preserve the dignity of residents.
  - 4. When body searches are conducted, the least intrusive practicable search method will be employed, as determined by the type of contraband and the method of suspected introduction or concealment.
  - 5. A pat-down search will be conducted only when there is reasonable belief or suspicion that contraband may be concealed on the person, or a good opportunity for concealment has occurred, and, if required, when properly authorized by a supervisor.
  - Contraband that may be evidence of a criminal law violation will be preserved, inventoried, controlled, and stored so as to maintain and document the chain of custody.
  - 7. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 8. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

### **III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED**

None.

#### IV. REFERENCES

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities, 4th Edition: 4-ALDF-2C-01, 2C-02, 2C-03, 2C-04, 2C-05, 2C-06, 2A-20, 6C-19.

October 15, 2007, Memorandum from DRO Director John Torres, "Change Notice: Admission and Release- National Detention Standard Strip Search Policy."

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

# 1. Written Policy and Procedures Required

All facilities shall have written policy and procedures for:

- a. Employment of the least intrusive method of search practicable, as determined by the type of contraband and the method of suspected introduction or concealment;
- b. Conduct of body searches, including frisks ("pat-downs"), visual searches ("strip searches"), body cavity searches, and x-rays;
- c. Avoidance of unnecessary force and efforts to preserve the dignity of residents during searches, to the extent practicable;
- d. Avoidance of unnecessary disorder during a search of housing or work areas; such searches shall not be conducted on a routine basis;
- e. Handling of contraband;
- f. Preservation of evidence.

# 2. Staff Training

Staff shall receive initial and annual training on effective search techniques.

# 3. Search of Resident Housing and Work Areas

The purpose for searching resident housing and work areas is to ensure a safe living environment for families. Periodically, staff may search a resident's housing and work area as well as personal items contained within those areas, without notice to, or approval from the resident. However, search of a resident's personal items should include notification to the resident and require their presence unless exigent circumstances exist. The facility is required to notify ICE weekly of all physical plant searches conducted. ICE shall immediately be notified of any instance in which hard contraband is found. Each facility shall establish procedures to ensure all housing units and work areas are searched at least daily, however, search times shall be at irregular intervals to prevent staging of contraband. Inspections are primarily designed to:

- a. Detect contraband;
- b. Prevent escapes;
- c. Maintain sanitary standards, and;
- d. Eliminate fire and safety hazards.

Staff shall maintain written documentation of each area search. The Assistant

Facility Administrator for Operations shall maintain the inspectors' documentation.

#### 4. Searches of Residents

Staff shall document all searches, authorizations, and the reasons for the searches in any logs used to record searches and in the resident's residential file.

#### a. Pat Search

During admission to a facility, or at any time thereafter, pat-downs shall not be conducted on any resident unless reasonable and articulable suspicion can be documented. No child resident fourteen years old or younger may be the subject of a pat-down search without the explicit authorization of the facility administrator or the assistant facility administrator.

A pat-down is an inspection of a resident, using the hands. The inspector uses his or her sense of touch when patting or running the hands over the clothed resident's body. It is considered the least intrusive of the body searches and should only be conducted by a staff member of the same gender.

A pat-down does not require the resident to remove clothing, although the inspection includes a search of the resident's clothing and personal effects.

A hand-held and/or stationary metal detector shall be available and will be used in lieu of a pat-down.

#### b. Strip/Visual Search

Description: A strip search, also referred to as a visual search may not be authorized or conducted without the explicit consent of the ICE facility administrator. A strip search shall only be conducted by (b)(7)(e) ICE staff members of the same gender as the resident and only under circumstances where it can be shown that a life or public safety issue is clearly established. A strip search may never be conducted on a child under age fourteen without the authorization of the Field Office Director and JFRMU.

In any instance where a parent must be searched, the search shall not be performed in the presence of any child. In any instance where a child must be searched, the parent must be present.

A strip search is a visual inspection of all body surfaces and body cavities. The inspector shall not touch any skin surface of the resident. However, the inspector may request that the resident move parts of the body to permit visual inspection. It is considered more intrusive than a pat-down and shall be made in a manner designed to ensure as much privacy to the resident as practicable.

A strip search requires the removal or rearrangement of some or all of the resident's clothing to examine the clothing or to permit the inspection of exterior skin surfaces of the body, including breasts and exterior anal and genital areas, inside of the nose, ears, and mouth. If items are discovered that protrude from a body cavity, the removal of those items are governed by the procedures applicable to body cavity searches, addressed below.

#### c. Body Cavity Searches

In every instance where it is established that a foreign object is located within a body cavity, only a qualified medical authority shall be authorized to locate and remove the object. Only the Chief JFRMU in conjunction with the Field Office Director can authorize this type of search.

#### 5. PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE

Contraband that may be evidence of a criminal law violation shall be preserved, inventoried, controlled, and stored so as to maintain and document the chain of custody, and shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement authority for action and possible seizure and prosecution.

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# ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

# TRANSFER OF RESIDENTS

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Transfers of residents from one facility to another are responsibly managed in regard to notifications, resident records, safety and security and protection of resident funds and personal property.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are:
  - 1. Decisions to transfer residents will be made by authorized officials on the basis of complete and accurate case information.
  - 2. The legal representative-of-record will be properly notified that a resident is being transferred, in accordance with sound security practices.
  - 3. The resident will be properly notified, orally and in writing, when he or she is being transferred to another facility, in accordance with sound security practices.
  - 4. Transportation and receiving facility staff will have accurate and complete records on each transferred resident.
  - 5. Transfer of residents will be accomplished safely and securely, particularly those with special health care concerns.
  - 6. Transferred residents funds, valuables, and other personal property will be safeguarded.
  - 7. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 8. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

#### IV. REFERENCES

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American Correctional Association 4th Edition, Standards for Adult Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-2A-23, 1B-06, 4C-05, 4C-40, 4D-27, 6A-07, 7D-19, 7D-20.

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#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### 1. Types of Transfers

ICE/DRO transfers residents from one facility to another for a variety of reasons. The transfer of a resident may never be based solely on residents' reporting of wrongdoing or alleging misconduct by or against staff members.

In deciding whether to transfer a resident, ICE/DRO will consider whether the resident is represented before the immigration court. In such cases, ICE/DRO shall consider alternatives to transfer, especially when the attorney is located within reasonable driving distance of the Residential facility and where immigration court proceedings are ongoing.

- a. Medical. The Division of Immigration Health Services (DIHS) may recommend that a resident in need of specialized or long-term medical care be transferred to a facility that can meet those needs. The DIHS Medical Director or designee must approve transfers for medical reasons in advance. Medical transfers shall be coordinated through the local ICE/DRO office of jurisdiction using established procedures.
- b. Change of Venue. A resident may be transferred from one jurisdiction to another to accommodate a change in venue by the Executive Office of Immigration Review.

**Security.** A resident may be transferred to a higher-level facility, ordinarily because of circumstances that cannot adequately be controlled. Such security reasons might include, for example:

- When the resident becomes a threat to the security of the facility;
- When the resident is violent or has caused a major disturbance or is threatening to cause one; or
- When a resident's behavior or other circumstances are a threat to the safety of staff or other residents.
- When a resident no longer meets the minimum qualifications for placement in a residential family center
- c. Other Needs of ICE/DRO or a Particular Resident. Residents may be transferred to another facility for various reasons, such as to eliminate overcrowding or to meet a particular resident's special needs.

#### 2. Notification Procedure

ICE/DRO shall make all necessary notifications when a resident is transferred.

When residents are being transported by Justice Prisoner Alien Transportation System (JPATS), ICE/DRO shall adhere to JPATS protocols.

#### a. Attorney

When a resident is represented by legal counsel, and a form G-28 has been properly executed and filed, the resident's Deportation Staff shall:

- Notify the representative of record that the resident is being transferred and include the reason for the transfer and the name, location, and telephone number of the new facility.
- Document the notification:
  - o In the resident's A file, if available, or work file, and
  - o The "comments" screen in DACS.

For security purposes, the attorney shall not be notified of the transfer until the resident is en route to the new Residential location, and the notification shall not include specific travel details (day of travel, mode of travel, etc.). In all cases notification will be made within 24 hours of the transfer.

When there are special security concerns, the Deportation Staff may delay the notification, but only for the period of time justified by those concerns.

#### b. Family

It is the responsibility of the attorney of record or the resident to notify any family members.

#### c. Resident

The resident shall not be informed of the transfer until immediately prior to leaving the facility, at which time he or she shall be notified that he or she is being moved to a new facility within the United States and not being deported. Reasonable efforts should be made to advise the resident in a language the resident understands.

For security purposes, specific plans and time schedules shall never be discussed with the resident.

Following notification, the resident shall normally not be permitted to make or receive any telephone calls or have contact with any resident in the general population until the resident reaches the destination facility.

At the time of the transfer, ICE/DRO shall provide the resident, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of the facility to which he or she is being transferred, using the attached **Resident Transfer Notification** form. Staff shall place a copy of the form in the resident's Residential File. The resident shall also be advised that it is his or her responsibility to notify family members, if so desired.

# d. Unaccompanied Juveniles and Accompanied Juveniles

Since special notification procedures may apply if the resident is under 18 years old, the Deportation Staff shall coordinate proposed transfers with the juvenile coordinator for the respective ICE/DRO Field Office.

Generally, minors who are part of a family unit shall be transported with at least one parent. Any exception must be noted and approved by ICE prior to performing any transport of an accompanied minor.

## 3. Request for Bed/Designation

Field Offices that routinely transfer cases between each other shall:

- Establish a means of communication so that "receiving" Field Offices provide "sending" Field Offices daily information regarding available bed space.
- Provide the names and contact numbers of staff responsible for handling transfers.

While Field Offices are encouraged to communicate directly regarding available housing space, the headquarters Detention Management Division is available to assist a Field Office that has unsuccessfully attempted to locate space.

Field Offices seeking bed space in other Field Office jurisdictions should phone the request (or e-mail with a follow-up phone call) with sufficient details of the case to the designated Field Office contact.

Once an office has **preliminarily** agreed to accept a case from another office, the following procedures apply:

# a. Requesting Office Sends (via Fax) Form I-216 to the Receiving Field Office The requesting office shall ensure all Form I-216 boxes are completed.

- Complete information must be provided on criminal or aggravated felon status, including any medical/mental problems, security risks, etc.
- If there are medical/mental problems or medications, either the JPATS Form USM-553 or an I-794 (In-Processing Health Screening Form) must accompany the I-216 as an attachment.
- Security concerns must be outlined in detail on a separate page and be attached to the I-216.
- If there is any question about whether a resident is a juvenile, a copy of the age verification documentation must be attached.

No other forms are acceptable for recording the persons and property transferred.

If a facility in the receiving jurisdiction requires that its medical unit review medical histories prior to acceptance, a method of providing that information to the facility must be arranged between the two Field Offices.

# b. Receiving Office Confirms Acceptance of the Case

The receiving Field Office shall review the I-216 to insure each case is consistent with what was previously discussed and e-mailed. If there are any issues that were not previously relayed to the receiving Field Office, the receiving Field Office shall notify the sending Field Office that it may decline the transfer unless those issues are resolved.

Once the receiving Field Office has finally accepted the transfer, the sending Field Office shall provide via telephone or e-mail a mutually agreeable estimated time of arrival.

The sending Field Office may not substitute any resident on the I-216 without prior approval of the receiving Field Office.

# 4. Preparation and Transfer of Records

Sending facility staff shall complete the attached **Resident Transfer Checklist** to insure all procedures are completed.

- The sending facility staff shall place a copy of the Checklist in the resident's A file or work folder.
- The records must accompany the resident to the receiving facility.
- If any procedure cannot be completed prior to transfer, the resident may be transferred only if the authorized receiving Field Office official has expressly waived that procedure, and the sending facility staff shall note any such waivers on the checklist.

#### a. Alien File

Prior to transfer, the A file shall be obtained and put in good order:

- Any needed file consolidations shall be done.
- Any necessary file jacket repairs shall be done.
- All documents and forms shall be attached on the proper side of the A file.

If the sending Field Office is unable to obtain the A file, that resident may not be transferred unless the receiving Field Office, before the transfer takes place, accepts a proper work folder that includes, at a minimum:

- Certified copies of convictions,
- Printouts of the Central Index System (CIS), Deportable Alien Control System (DACS), and the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database,
- Copies of the EOIR's record of proceedings, and
- New photographs and fingerprints.

If applicable, copies of the following should also be included:

- Non-Immigrant Information System (NIIS),
- Computer Linked Application Information Management System (CLAIMS),
- National Automated Immigration Lookout System (NAILS),
- Reengineered Naturalization Application Casework System (RNACS),
- Refugee Asylum Processing System (RAPS), and
- Any other documents requested by the receiving Field Office which can be reasonably obtained.

The A file or proper work folder shall include copies of the following, properly executed, documents, and fastened to the top right side of the file:

- I-216 (appropriate copies of I-77 and G-589 attached)
- USM-553 or local transfer summary form
- Original or photocopy of I-203/203A
- Checklist for Resident Transfer (an attachment to this Residential Standard)
- Age verification documents (if applicable)
- A 3.5" disk with all previous Post Order Custody Reviews (POCRs) and travel document requests in a property envelope fastened to the file.
- Classification Sheet

Ordinarily, the A file or proper work folder must accompany the transfer.

- Under certain circumstances the receiving Field Office may request that the A file or work folder be mailed by overnight express to a particular location.
- If requested, the sending Field Office shall mail it no later than the business day following the transfer.

Any significant delays in the arrival time of the residents or their files should be communicated to the receiving Field Office as soon as possible.

# b. Charging Documents/Record of Proceeding

Before the transfer, all charging documents shall be issued and signed by the individual with signatory authority for the sending Field Office.

If applicable, prior to transfer, all charging documents shall be served on the resident, including, but not limited to:

- Notice to Appear (I-862),
- Warrant of Arrest (I-200),
- Warrant of Removal (I-205),
- Notification of Custody Decision (I-286), and
- Notice of Rights (I-826).

Originals and/or copies shall be included, indicating proper service, in the A file or work folder.

Copies shall be provided the resident, who should be encouraged to keep them on his or her person, unless this would present a security problem.

# c. Fingerprint Cards

The sending Field Office shall take three (plus R-84) sets of fingerprints (Note: Fingerprints are to be taken in accordance with ICE policy):

- The cards shall be signed by both the alien and the official taking the prints.
- The cards shall be completely filled out except for the address block requesting a disposition from the FBI.

- The completed cards shall be left in the A file for the receiving Field Office to fill in the response address block and submit to the FBI and Biometrics Support Center (when appropriate), unless the resident is a Room-and-Board case.
- For a Room-and-Board case, the sending Field Office may submit the prints to the FBI and Biometrics Support Center.
- One fingerprint card should remain in the A file at all times.

#### d. Photographs

The sending Field Office shall take four (1 sheet of 4) new, standard booking-size photographs and include any photos not needed for the transfer in the file.

# e. Medical Procedures and Information Required for Transfer

# 1). Notification of Transfers, Releases, and Removals

The facility health care provider shall be notified sufficiently in advance of the transfer that medical staff may determine and provide for any associated medical needs. In particular, the facility health care provider shall ensure that no resident is transferred without a sufficient supply of medication to facilitate the transfer process. Residents shall have available a minimum of three days medication on any transfer between facilities.

# 2). Transfer of Health Records

When a resident is transferred within the Detention Immigration Health Service (DIHS) system:

- A Transfer Summary and the resident's official health records shall accompany the resident.
- The official health records shall be placed in a sealed envelope or other container labeled with the resident's name and A-number and marked "MEDICAL CONFIDENTIAL."
- Non-medical staff is not permitted to read the official health record.

When a resident is transferred to a Residential facility, only the Transfer Summary shall accompany the resident.

# 3). Transfer Summary

# (a). Preparation

The sending facility's medical staff shall prepare a Transfer Summary that must accompany the transferee. Either the USM 553 Form or a facility-specific form may be used, provided it shows:

■ TB clearance, including PPD and Chest x-ray results, with the test dates;

- Current mental and physical health status, including all significant health issues:
- Current medications, with specific instructions for medications that must be administered en route; and
- The name and contact information of the transferring medical official.

#### (b). Use During Transport

Transportation staff may not transport a resident without the required Transfer Summary, which is essential for resident safety while in transit.

The transferring staff shall review the information for completeness and to ensure he or she has the supplies required to provide any in-transit care that is indicated.

Medical information is on a need-to-know basis.

- Staff who review the transfer summary shall protect the privacy of the resident's medical information to the greatest extent possible.
- Medical information may not be shared with other residents or even with other staff unless it is needed to fulfill transportation responsibilities safely.

The section on Confidentiality and Release of Medical Records in the Residential Standard on Medical Care provides additional detail.

The transferring staff is responsible for delivering the Transfer Summary materials to medical personnel at the receiving facility.

# 4). Medical/Psychiatric Alert

Medical staff shall notify the facility administrator when they determine that a resident's medical or psychiatric condition requires:

- (a). Clearance by the medical staff prior to transfer, or
- (b). Medical escort during transfer.

#### 5). Medications

Prior to transfer, medical personnel shall provide the transporting staff instructions and, if applicable, medication(s) for the resident's care in transit.

Medications shall:

- (a). Be placed in a property envelope with the resident's name and A number on it.
- (b). Accompany the transfer, and
- (c). If unused, be turned over to a staff at the receiving Field Office.

#### f. Other Transfer Paperwork

A properly executed I-203/I-203A, G-391 and I-216 shall accompany the transfer.

The I-203 shall:

- 1) Include the resident's Residential category,
- 2) Indicate if the resident has a history of violence at the family facility, is an escape risk or has special medical problems that may require attention during the transfer.
- 3) Be annotated if the resident is on prescription medication.
- 4) Indicate the time of arrival as estimated by the sending Field Office.

The receiving Field Office may request that copies of the I-203/I-203A be faxed directly from the sending Field Office to the receiving facility.

#### g. G-391, "Official Detail"

A resident may not be removed from any facility, including Field Office Residential areas, without a Form G-391 that authorizes the movement.

- The G-391 must be properly signed and shall clearly indicate the name of the resident(s), the place or places to be escorted, the purpose of the trip and other information necessary to efficiently carry out the detail.
- 2) Facilities may use a local form as long as the form provides the required information.

The Supervisory Immigration Enforcement Agent (SIEA) or Detention Operations Supervisor (DOS) shall check records and ascertain if the alien has a criminal history, is dangerous, or has an escape record or medical condition. Any information of an adverse nature shall be clearly indicated on the G-391, and the escorting staff shall be warned to institute the necessary precautions.

Before beginning the detail, the escort and transportation staff shall read their instructions and clearly understand the purpose for which the resident is being removed from the facility. The staff shall also discuss emergency and alternate plans with the SIEA and/or DOS beforehand.

All completed G-391s shall be filed in order by month and the forms for the previous month shall be readily available for review. All G-391s shall be retained for at least three years.

#### h. Room-and-Board Cases

Unless the receiving and sending Field Offices agree to reduced or modify documentation requirements for a Room-and-Board Case accepted for short-term staging only, a complete work folder shall accompany or be sent in advance, including:

- 1) Items listed above under Alien File, attached to the right side of the folder.
- 2) 4 new photographs,
- 3) 3 fingerprints cards (plus R-84)

- 4) Entire record of proceeding with all pertinent case documentation.
- 5) Interviews by the receiving Field Office under the Post Order Custody Review (POCR) process on a computer disk attached to the file.

#### 5. Property

#### a. Funds and Small Valuables

Before transfer the sending facility shall return all funds and small valuables to the resident and close out all forms G-589 (or local facility funds and valuables receipts) in accordance with the Residential Standard on Funds and Personal Property.

During transport, residents shall ordinarily have the following items in his or her possession; however, items that might present a security risk or are particularly bulky may be transported separately in the vehicle's storage area.

- Cash
- All legal material
- Small valuables such as jewelry
- Address books, phone lists, correspondence
- Dentures, prescription glasses
- Small religious items
- Photos
- Similar small personal property items.

The receiving facility shall create a new G-589 (or local facility funds and valuables receipt) during admissions in-processing in accordance with the Residential Standard on Funds and Personal Property.

#### b. Large Valuables, Excess Luggage, and Other Bulky Items

Resident access to large items of personal property during transport is prohibited; however, ordinarily, all items stored at the sending facility shall accompany the transferee to the receiving facility.

If the property accompanies the resident, in accordance with the Residential Standard on Funds and Personal Property:

- The sending facility shall close out all forms G-589 (or local FACILITY property receipt forms), and
- The receiving facility shall create a new G-589 and I-77 (or local FACILITY property receipt forms) during admissions in-processing.

If the facility does not accept excess, oversized, or bulky belongings (including, but not limited to, suitcases, cartons, televisions, etc.), the sending facility shall:

- 3) Arrange to store the property elsewhere, or
- 4) Process the excess property in accordance with the Residential Standard on Funds and Personal Property. Under those procedures, the facility

may send excess property to an address of the resident's choosing; however, the resident may not be asked for that address information until he or she has been notified of the impending transfer. The sending facility shall make shipping arrangements and, if the resident cannot afford postage, pay for shipping.

- a) If the resident refuses to provide an appropriate mailing address, or is financially able but unwilling to pay for shipping, the facility administrator may dispose of the property, after providing the resident written notice, in accordance with the Residential Standard on Contraband.
- b) If the resident's cannot provide an appropriate address because one does not exist:
  - (1). The transferee shall keep the property receipts for the stored items, and
  - (2). The facility shall store the property and notify the receiving facility, in writing, that it requires notice before the resident's release or transfer to ensure the resident receives the stored property.

#### 6. Miscellaneous

#### a. Resident Phone Calls

Upon arrival at the final transfer destination, an indigent resident shall be permitted a minimum of one domestic phone call at the Government's expense, ordinarily using a PCS Emergency Card or government phone line. Where a PCS Emergency card is not available, the Field Office shall make arrangements for such phone calls.

Non-indigent residents may make phone calls at their own expense in accordance with the Residential Standard on **Telephone Access**.

#### b. DACS

The sending Field Office shall:

- Ensure that all screens in DACS are completely updated and accurate, and
- Immediately make the appropriate database transfers (DACS/DETS/CIS).

Once the resident reaches his or her destination, the receiving Field Office "accepts" the transfer.

#### c. Food Service During Transfer

Food shall be provided in accordance with the Residential Standard on **Transportation (By Land)**. The sending Field Office or facility is responsible for the preparation and delivery of proper meals prior to departure.

#### 7. Accountability for Documentation When Resident Is Transported

To ensure that the facility that is to receive a resident also receives the files and other documentation required herein, the Residential Standard on **Transportation (By Land)** prohibits the transportation of a resident without that documentation.

- a. Transportation staff may not accept a resident without the required documents.
- b. The receiving facility *may* refuse to accept a resident without the required documents.
- c. The receiving facility *must* report any exceptions to the Field Office and the Deputy Assistant Director, Detention Management Division.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

#### RESIDENT TRANSFER NOTIFICATION

RESIDENT NAME			A#	
NATIONALITY				
	TRANSFER DESTINA	TION		
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ADDRESS				
TELEPHONE NUMBER				
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RESIDENT SIGNATURE		A#	DATE	
STAFF SIGNATURE			DATE	
Transfer of Residents	Transfer Notification	<del></del>		DRAFT

#### CHECKLIST FOR RESIDENT TRANSFER

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Resident transferred from	to	on
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Resident's attorney notifi	ied	
Resident's Transfer Notif	ication form completed	
I-216 faxed to receiving d	istrict	
USM-553 or local transfer	r summary attached	
Age verification documer	ntation attached	
POCR / Security risk attack	chment	
☐ A File ☐ Work Folder		
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### ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS EMERGENCY PLANS

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Contingency plans are in place to quickly and effectively respond to any emergency situations that arise and to minimize their severity, thereby providing a safe environment to residents and staff.

These general emergency plans are in addition to those developed under the facility's health authority for control of communicable diseases (including avian flu).

- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Each facility will have in place contingency plans to quickly and effectively respond to any emergency situations that arise and to minimize their severity.
  - 2. Staff will be trained at least annually in emergency preparedness and implementation of the facility's emergency plans.
  - 3. An evacuation plan will be in place in the event of a fire or other major emergency, and the plan will be locally approved and updated at least annually.
  - 4. Events, staff responses, and command-related decisions during and immediately after emergency situations will be accurately recorded and documented.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

#### IV. REFERENCES

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association 4th Edition, Standards for Adult Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-1C-01, 1C-02, 1C-03, 1C-04, 1C-05, 1C-06(?).

ICE/DRO Residential Standard on Environmental Health and Safety that provides requirements and guidelines for avoiding and mitigating dangerous situations, specifically in regard to fires, environmental hazards, and evacuations.

ICE/DRO Residential Standard on **Use of Physical Force and Restraints** that provides requirements and guidelines for emergency situations that require the use of force.

Memorandum dated 7/14/2006 on **Escape Reporting** from the ICE/DRO Director, which specifies requirements for the reporting, tracking, and investigating of the escape of an ICE/DRO resident.

#### **V. EXPECTED PRACTICES**

#### 1. Staff Training

Each facility shall include emergency preparedness as part of the initial orientation and training provided all new employees, and all staff shall be trained at least annually on the facility's emergency plans.

Other related training requirements are specified throughout this document, including but not limited to facility "climate" monitoring, (b)(7)(e) video equipment, and the Incident Command

Post.

#### 2. Preventive Action

#### a. Climate Monitoring

Staff awareness of changes in facility "climate," promptly reported, can be of critical importance in defusing a potentially explosive situation. Residential management experience indicates that certain circumstances may predictably contribute to increased tensions in a detained population. Often such issues can be controlled or lessened before they escalate into some sort of incident or disturbance.

Staff shall be trained to watch for signs of mounting tension among the resident population, such as a sudden increase in the number of resident requests and incident reports, sullen, restless, and short-tempered behavior, or residents avoiding contact with staff.

Factors known to exacerbate tensions that may lead to group disturbances include, but are not limited to:

- Racism.
- Heightened complaints about food,
- Dissatisfaction with the performance or attitude of staff,
- Increasing complaints about recreation, medical care, visiting, mail, etc.,
- Prohibited sexual activity, and
- Inaccurate or incomplete information about resident cases or facility policies.

#### b. Staff Actions

Staff may improve their chances of preventing and deescalating resident unrest by:

- Discussing plans, programs, and procedures among themselves, and communicating as much as possible to residents;
- Treating residents fairly and impartially;
- Reducing misunderstandings among residents, for example, by enforcing and explaining rules that prevent any individual or group from imposing its will on other residents;

- Resolving misunderstandings and conflicts as they arise;
- Encouraging participation in work and recreational programs;
- Routinely reporting on facility climate and resident attitudes to the facility administrator; and
- Alerting supervisors at the first sign(s) of trouble, group hostilities, etc.

Quick, decisive staff action can prevent the start or spread of a disturbance.

The facility administrator shall develop written procedures for staff to follow when reporting an emergency.

#### c. Pre-incident Considerations

When all attempts to defuse a volatile situation have failed, the facility administrator shall determine how to proceed, based on considerations of safety (residents, personnel, general public), property, protection and, if applicable, the safety and welfare of hostages.

#### 3. Contingency Plan Development

#### a. Basic Planning

#### 1) Responsibility

All emergency contingency plans shall comply with the ICE/DRO standards for confidentiality, accountability, review, and revision included in this section.

Each plan shall include procedures for rendering emergency assistance to another ICE/DRO facility, for example, supplies, transportation, and temporary housing for residents, personnel, and/or TDY staff.

The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations is the individual responsible for developing each contingency plan and implementing it when an emergency situation occurs. In the development process, he or she shall tap the expertise of all department heads and ensure all departments have "ownership" of the plan.

Each facility shall ensure an accurate inventory of equipment identified in Attachment L, "Emergency Preparedness Status Report," of the Emergency Preparedness Program document and shall review that inventory at least twice annually to ensure its accuracy.

#### 2) Planning with Other Agencies

Each Facility shall develop contingency plans with local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies and formalize those agreements with Memoranda of Understanding (MOU).

- Facility legal staff and/or the respective Field Office Chief Counsel should review references to arrest authority, use of intermediate and deadly force, jurisdiction, outside-agency involvement, etc.
- The facility administrator and representatives from the affected agencies shall cosign each MOU.

- Simulated exercises to test the plans shall occur on a regular, mutually agreed-upon basis.
- The plans shall be reviewed at least annually.

If any Local, State, or Federal agencies decline to participate, the facility administrator shall make periodic contact to revisit the issue.

The Facility is required to forward copies of their contingency plans and each MOU that pertains to those plans, to the Field Office Director and the Chief JFRMU when they are signed; when they are updated, and upon completion of the mandatory annual review of the plans.

#### b. Keeping Plans Current

The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations shall:

- Update the plans as often as necessary and forward them for facility administrator approval. If the facility administrator requests changes, the Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations shall incorporate them and resubmit the plans within 30 days.
- Plan and schedule annual contingency plan reviews, with participation from every department head.
- Document each annual review in the master copy of the Contingency Plan File, even if the review resulted in no modifications.

#### c. Safeguarding Plan Confidentiality

Every plan that is **being developed or is final** must include a statement prohibiting unauthorized disclosure of the plan. Staff may not discuss any aspect of a plan within earshot of a resident, a visitor, or anyone else not specifically designated as someone who is authorized access to the information set forth in the plan.

The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations (AFAO) shall determine who will be designated as persons authorized to have access to the plans, listing in writing the names of said persons and whether they are employees of ICE/DRO or other cooperative entities; where copies of the various plans are to be stored; and in what quantity the plans are to be reproduced. A master copy of each plan shall be kept outside the facility, along with an itemized list of the number of plans that have been created, the names of the persons who are authorized access to the plans, and where to find each specific copy of the plans.

The AFAO shall implement a checkout system that accounts for all plans at all times, with safeguards against resident access. The release of contingency plan details to unauthorized persons without the prior written approval of the Facility Administrator or the [AFAO] Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations will result in disciplinary action.

#### d. Organization of the Contingency Plan File

 General Plans. A general section is to contain, policy, procedures, and plans common to most emergency situations. Contingency-Specific Plans. The sections that follow the general section are to contain contingency-specific plans, as detailed below. They need not repeat what is in the general section and shall contain only the exceptions and/or additions applicable to the particular contingency.

#### 4. General Implementation of Contingency Plans

Each facility shall establish written policy and procedures addressing, at a minimum: chain of command, incident command post/center, staff recall, staff assembly, emergency response components, use of force, videotaping, records and logs, utility shutoff, employee conduct and responsibility, public relations, facility security, etc.

The respective Field Office Director shall maintain up-to-date data on the physical capacities of each facility in order to allow for a quick assessment of the scope of the emergency and the most immediate and best source(s) of assistance available to respond to the emergency.

#### a. Facilities Chain of Command

The facility administrator shall identify the chain of command for directing operations in an emergency.

# b. Incident Command Post (b)(7)(e)



#### 2) Staffing the Incident Command Post

The Facility Administrator shall control the decision making process, until the arrival of a senior ICE official at the discretion of the Field Office Director and JFRMU.

Command Post staffing shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

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#### To ensure alertness:

- Command Post staff must determine a safe and appropriate rotation of shifts from available personnel.
- Relief personnel shall take over from the Command Post staff promptly after each shift.
- The rotation of staff shall include additional staff to relieve the assigned staff, if available, for short breaks during each shift to avert the mistakes and misjudgments that fatigue or stress can cause.

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#### 4) Testing and Training

Ongoing emergency preparedness activities shall include activation of the Command Post phone lines and other logistical support systems at least monthly to test the equipment and familiarize the staff with the Command Post and its equipment.

#### c. Emergency Recall List

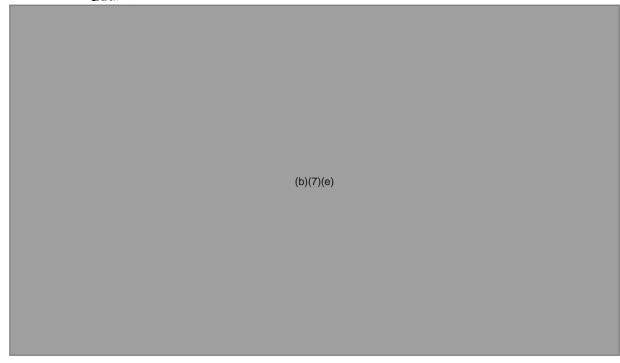
As detailed in the Residential Standard on Facility Security and Control, the facility Control Center is required to maintain a list of the phone numbers of every staff member, including the administrative/support services staff members, the local emergency response components, and the local law enforcement agencies. Once a month the call-down procedures to designated staff should be initiated to verify the accuracy of the information listed.

For emergency response purposes, the Control Center shall also maintain up-to-date Field Office and JFRMU contact information.

#### d. Assembly of Staff

The facility administrator shall:

- Develop Control Center procedures for executing an all-staff recall;
- Designate primary and secondary areas for staff assembly, preferably in a location where the assembled staff cannot be observed by residents; and
- Identify, for each primary and secondary area, whether a specific contingency or emergency condition might require the designation of additional locations or other special exceptions for staff assemblage.



#### f. Use of Force

Any force that must be employed to control an emergency situation shall be in accordance with the Residential Standard on Use of Physical Force and (b)(7)e and any other applicable ICE policies on the use of force.

#### g. Video Equipment

At least one video camera shall be maintained in the Control Center for use in emergency situations, and the facility administrator shall ensure that it is maintained, tested, and supplied as required in the section on "Maintaining Video Recording Equipment," in the Residential Standard on Use of Physical Force and (b)(7)e

Shift supervisors, along with other designated staff, shall be trained in the requirements and procedures for video-taping use-of-force incidents, and shall be trained in the use of video equipment, including the identification of tapes and photographs by date and location.

#### h. Records and Logs

The Facility Administrator or the Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations shall designate the Incident Command Post staff member who shall keep a contemporaneous date-and-time chronological record of events during the emergency, including, but not limited to: all command-related discussions, noting the names of the persons involved in the discussions; the decisions made; the phone numbers and persons contacted; and radio transmissions and responses received. Where possible, radio transmissions shall be documented by a voice-activated recorder.

Command Post staff shall also maintain a reading file to update the relief staff reporting for duty.

#### i. News Media/Public Relations

The ICE Public Information Officer is responsible for coordinating briefings with news and television media. Information shall not be released through any other source.

#### j. Facility Security

The Facility Administrator shall provide written procedures for,

- Resident roll-call in accordance with the Residential Standard on Resident Census
- Intensifying security, Emergency Security Measures;
- Security key access (issuance and accountability, drop chute, etc.); and
- Evidence preservation.

#### k. Health Services Responsibilities

The contingency plan shall specify procedures for providing immediate and follow-up medical care to residents and staff, with alternative or back-up procedures explained for a variety of emergency scenarios.

#### I. Food Service Responsibilities

The contingency plan shall specify procedures for updating the Food Service Administrator when emergency conditions change the number of people who will be requiring food service.

The Food Service Administrator (FSA) shall make contingency plans for providing meals to residents and staff during an emergency, including additional resources available from the local community, and the projected costs of using those resources, which the FSA shall ascertain during the planning phase.

#### 1) Maintenance Department Responsibilities

The contingency plan shall provide for emergency utility control, including plot plans identifying water and gas shut-off valves and electricity on-off switches. It is recommended that the utility shut-off valves or switches be photographed, mapped and included in the contingency plans for quick identification during an emergency.

#### 2). Employee Conduct and Responsibility

The contingency plan shall address professional conduct and responsibility, including what to do if taken hostage that may include instructions and guidelines on:

- Staying calm and controlling emotions,
- Being deliberate thinking before speaking or acting,
- Accepting the reality of the situation,
- Using a mild tone when speaking with captors,
- Observing captors, mentally noting their distinguishing characteristics (physical features, weapons, clothing, etc.),
- Responding to captors' orders,
- Eye contact and other interactions with captor(s),
- Telephone communications,
- Escape attempts.

#### 3) Facility Access Routes

The plan shall specify alternative access routes which enable emergency personnel to reach the facility if the main approach becomes dangerous or inaccessible (i.e., a civil disturbance, extreme weather conditions, fire, etc.).

#### 4) Nearby Residents

The plan shall specify how and when staff shall notify nearby residences of the situation, including the type of emergency, actions being taken, evacuation routes, if applicable, and special precautions. The process of notifying nearby residents of the emergency situation should be coordinated with the ICE Public Affairs Office whenever possible to avoid and anticipate an adverse reaction to the information.

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#### m. Post-Emergency Procedures

The post-emergency part of the plan shall include, among other things, the following action items:

- 1) Segregating the residents involved in the incident;
- 2) Collecting written reports;
- 3) Preserving evidence;
- 4) Accountability (equipment, staff, etc.);
- 5) Damage assessment and repair of the facility;
- 6) Documentation of the nature and extent of any injuries;
- 7) Coordinating legal actions/prosecutions;
- 8) Debriefing and follow-up;
- 9) General review and critique of the emergency operations and management, with a follow-up agenda, including, but not limited to:
  - Monitoring the resident climate, and
  - Revising the Contingency Plan.

#### n. Contingency-Specific Plans

The facility shall compile individual contingency-specific plans, as needed, in the following order:

- 1. Fire
- 2. Work/Food Strike
- 3. Disturbance
- 4. Escape/Missing Child

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6. Search (Internal)

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- 8. Extreme Weather, i.e. hurricane, earthquake
- 9. Civil Disturbance
- 10. Environmental Hazard
- 11. Resident Transportation System Emergency
- 12. Evacuation
- 13. Nationwide Lockdown
- 14. Staff Work Stoppage
- 15. Other site-specific plans

#### o. Fire

The safety/maintenance supervisor shall develop a comprehensive Fire Control Plan, in accordance with the Fire Prevention and Control section of the Residential Standard on Environmental Health and Safety.

The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations shall develop a procedural outline for shift supervisors in the event a fire occurs during non-duty hours.

#### m. Work/Food Strike

The facility administrator shall determine the course of action to pursue, based on whether:

- Strikers have announced when the strike shall end;
- There is violence:
- The number of residents involved:
- The prospects for neutralizing the problem.

#### q. Disturbance (Internal)

After determining the course of action to pursue, the facility administrator shall direct staff to implement the action plan, which shall cover, at a minimum:

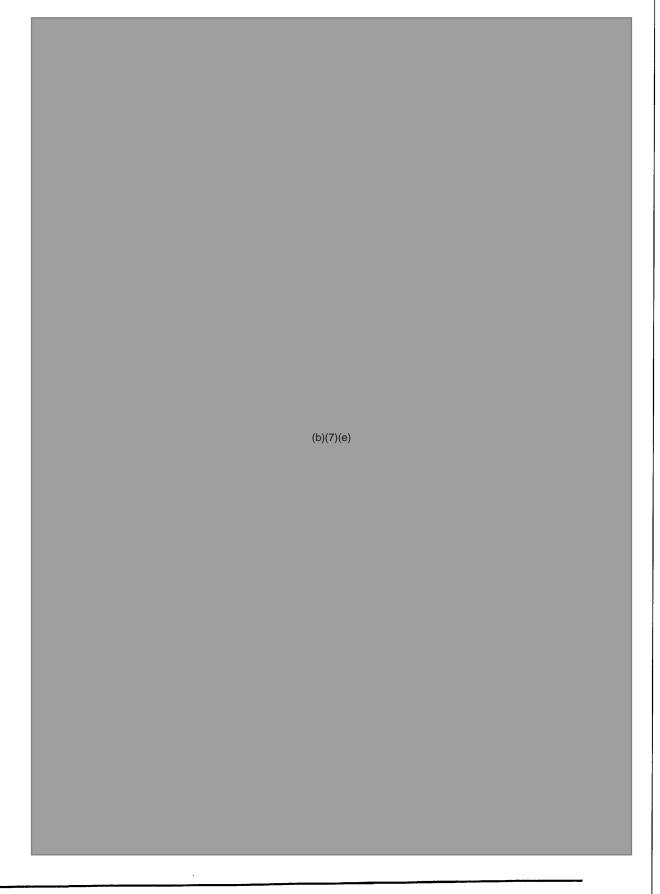
- 1) Controlling utilities;
- 2) Available emergency entrances, for example: Food Service, housing areas, etc.;
- 3) Trained emergency responders/other staff and equipment;
- 4) Perimeter security, including crowd, traffic, and media control;
- 5) Shutting down resident telephone systems;
- 6) Notification of outside agencies;
- 7) Remove controlled substances from the pharmacy area.

#### r. Escape/Missing Child

Facility administrator shall develop plans in response to escapes or reports of a missing child.

- 1).. The facility administrator shall deploy staff to primary, secondary, and directional escape posts, designating a timekeeper/recorder for each:
  - Primary. Fixed and mobile posts near the facility;
  - Secondary. Fixed and mobile posts beyond the immediate facility area;
  - Directional Posts. No fixed location and based on situational intelligence that indicates a direction for the search.
  - 2). The facility administrator shall immediately notify local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies of the escape or report of a missing child.

3	Escape-post equipment kits shall be stored in the Command Center,     and include, at a minimum:			
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4).		ope by aircraft:  Observe and record aircraft description: colors, registration or tail		
	(a)	number, direction of flight, etc.;		
	(b)	Notify local law enforcement and Federal Aviation Administration;		
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(h) Each facility should also consider having available an electronic translator, such as the Phraselator, a hand-held computer that translates more than 1000 spoken English phrases into other languages.

#### 3) Chain of Command

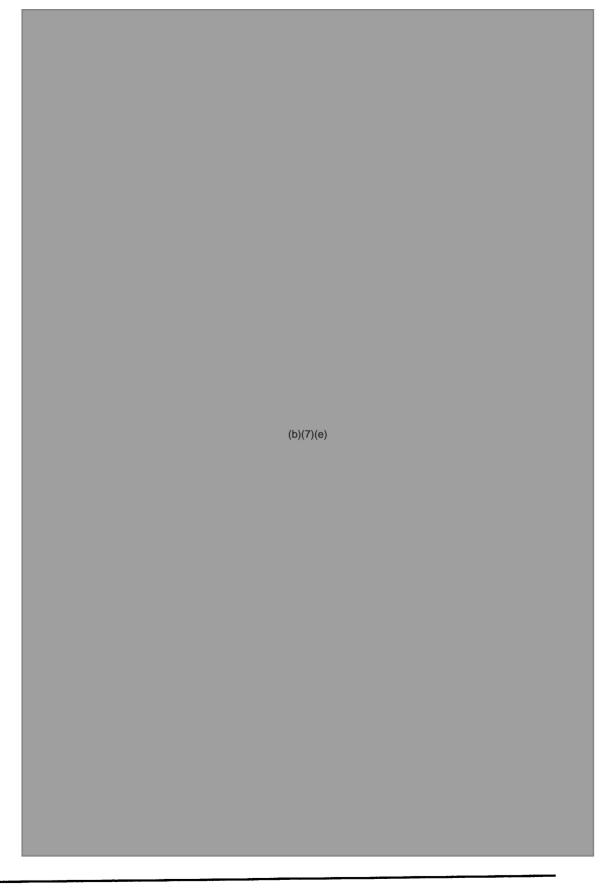
As a general rule, the Facility Administrator will ensure the Field Office Director and JFRMU are apprised of every aspect of the crisis on a predetermined schedule until the crisis is resolved or until ICE/DRO assumes command and control of the incident. JFRMU may at its discretion assume control of a large-scale operation involving coordination with other ICE/DRO components and law enforcement agencies.

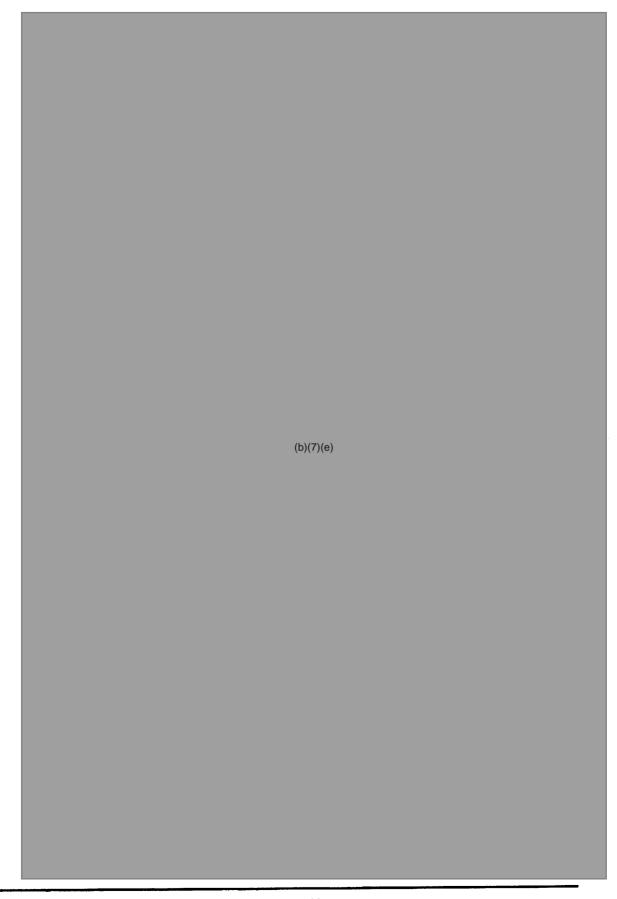
- (a) The facility administrator shall immediately report a hostage situation to the Field Office Director, who shall in turn notify the JFRMU. The facility administrator shall assign a senior manager to serve as liaison with the Field Office and JFRMU..
- (b) ICE/DRO shall notify the FBI and other agencies, as appropriate, of the situation.
- (c) Circumstances may exist where external law enforcement agencies assume command authority unless federal regulations prevail.

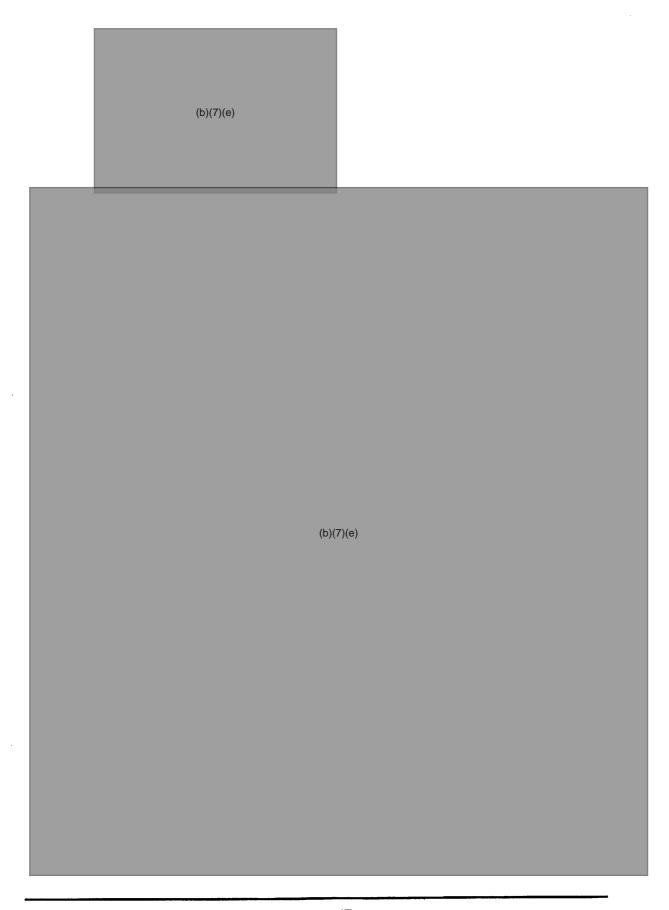
#### 4). Contain the Disturbance and Secure the Facility

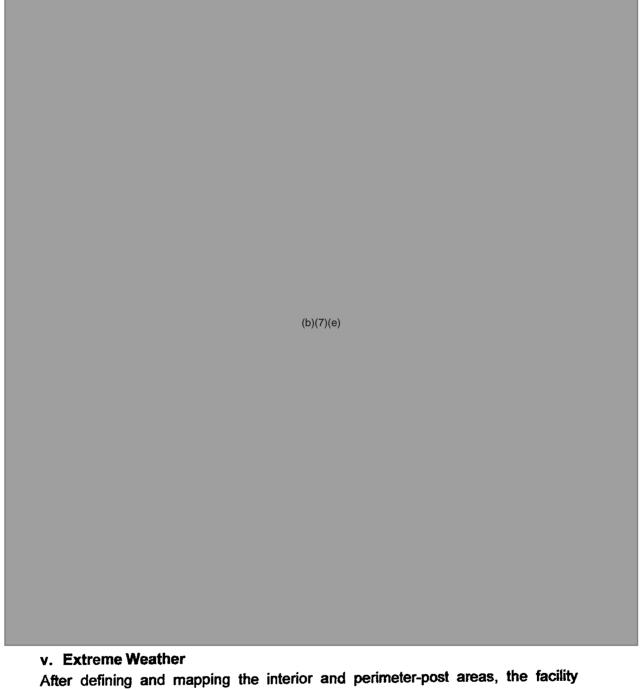
- (a) Prevent movement into or out of the scene of the hostage area;
- (b) Add exterior, armed patrols;
- (c) Terminate resident telephone usage;
- (d) Limit or curtail staff radio usage;
- (e) Remove visitors and civilians, including contract employees and volunteers;
- (f) Recall residents for immediate official count;
- (g) Remove residents from the hostage area. If in a housing unit, move the residents into temporary housing, in accordance with written, site-specific procedures;
- (h) Conduct staff roll call, in accordance with written procedures, to determine the number and identity of hostages.

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administrator shall:

- 1) Prepare a separate map showing locations of all interior posts. Set up and equip fog-patrol posts; establish procedures and assign responsibility for ensuring equipment is available and in working order at all times.
- 2) Prepare another map showing locations of all perimeter/exterior posts. Store multiple copies of the interior and perimeter-post maps in the Control Center and Incident Command Center.

- 4) Remove objects and items which could become airborne and act as missiles during high winds.
- 5) Ensure staff is appropriately provided with necessary foul weather gear.
- 6) Ensure generators are functioning properly and have an adequate supply of fuel for a protracted situation.
- 7) Ensure that if institution is placed on recall status, a briefing with staff occurs.
- 8) It is suggested that if the facility is placed in recall status, an explanation shall be provided to the resident population outlining the reasons for the recall and the anticipated duration.

#### w. Civil Disturbance

#### 1) Scenarios

The plan shall address various scenarios, for example, a single event (small/large); several coordinated events at one or more locations, at one or staggered times; type of event and individuals involved; other law enforcement agency involvement, etc.

Depending on the scenario, the plan shall specify procedures for multiple deployments involving the same and/or different kinds of equipment and teams, in the event of simultaneous demonstrations.

#### 2) Basic Procedures

The plan shall specify procedures for standard activities, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Denying access to facility property (barricades, roadblocks, etc.),
- Using riot equipment with the general public,
- Notifying/involving other law enforcement agencies,
- Establishing holding areas,
- Marking unmarked property lines,
- Medical care.
- Environmental Hazard

#### x. Safe Harbors (shelter in place)

The facility administrator shall identify and equip one or more "safe harbor" areas in the facility.

■ These designated areas shall have the capacity to house a large number of residents safely and securely for two or three days (gym, auditorium, food service area, etc).

 Every designated safe harbor shall maintain supplies of, among other things, duct tape, plastic, and other items intended for use during an environmental hazard.

Every department (food service, medical, maintenance, recreation, administration, etc.) shall have written procedures, and at least three days' provisions, for use in temporary quarters. The objective is to disrupt the daily routine as little as possible.

#### y. Procedures When There Is an Environmental Hazard

- 1) The facility administrator shall designate staff to seal off the specified area(s) in a timely manner.
  - Staff shall receive the necessary training as part of the facility's emergency-preparedness training program.
  - The plan shall specify how often and where the specialized training shall occur.
  - The plan shall specify that all employees will receive the training.
- 2) The safety/maintenance supervisor shall, if necessary, shut down ventilation units (cooling/heating systems, fans, etc.).
- 3) The shift supervisor shall direct the residents' orderly transfer to the safe harbor areas.
- 4) Staff shall transport resident identification cards to the safe harbor areas, to ensure accountability.
- 5) Residents may take no personal property into safe harbor areas.
- 6) When the danger has passed, the shift supervisor shall direct the residents' return to their housing areas, after which staff shall conduct a population count.
- 7) If environmental conditions worsen or fail to improve within an acceptable time frame, the facility administrator shall implement the facility's Evacuation Plan.

#### z. Resident Transportation System

If an emergency occurs while residents are being transported, the facility administrator shall, upon request, provide any or all of the following:

- vehicular escort
- personnel
- mechanical assistance
- medical assistance
- transportation (if vehicle disabled)
- notification to other law enforcement agencies
- holdover lodging.

#### aa. Evacuation

It is suggested that facilities enter into contract negotiations with vendors who are 75 – 100 miles from their facilities to provide resources at an agreed upon cost in advance of potential emergency events. The purpose of this is, if the local area is affected, community resources will ordinarily be directed towards hospitals, nursing homes, schools, etc.

- 1) The facility's plan shall factor in all variables, and combinations of variables, that may precipitate or affect a mass evacuation, such as the following contingencies, and their repercussions:
  - (a) Minimal warning/preparation time;
  - (b) Weather-related complications for example, tornadoes, hurricanes, blizzards, etc.
  - (c) An area-wide disaster would limit facility access to State and local emergency services (police, fire department, hospitals, military) and transportation provider;
  - (d).At least 10 percent of the staff fail to respond when recalled. The type and scope of the emergency would determine whether and by how much that percentage might increase.
  - 2) For every evacuation scenario, the plan shall:
    - (a) Identify and prepare a list of suppliers to provide essentials during the emergency;
    - (b) Prepare an alternative list, identifying product substitutions and alternative suppliers;
    - (c) Assign priorities among the essentials listed, recognizing the likelihood of shortages occurring during an area-wide emergency.
  - 3). The facility administrator shall secure as many signed contracts, agreements, and commitments for transportation and supplies when needed Federal and other public-sector resources are unavailable.

#### 4). Pre-Evacuation Procedures

- (a) Emergency staff recall (time permitting);
- (b) Implement procedures to retrieve/pack residents' personal property, central files, medical records, etc.;
- (c) Implement department-by-department procedures to transport material needed to conduct daily operations at the temporary site: personnel files, blank rosters, forms, etc.;
- (d) Deploy emergency equipment;
- (e) Notify State and local authorities; and
- (f) Conduct (exit) emergency count.

#### 5) Facility Shutdown

- (a) Verify the count;
- (b) Implement the internal search plan, if appropriate;
- (c) Apply emergency utility controls; and

(d) Secure the site, to extent possible.

#### 6) Transition to Temporary Site

- (a) Confirm the previously projected number of vehicles needed for:
  - Residents
  - Supplies.
- (b) Record vehicular data, including number and source(s);
- (c) Reconfirm security arrangements with other ICE/DRO components, the Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Marshals Service, local and State agencies, and the military;
- (d) Confirm staffing/assignments, including TDY arrangements.

#### (7) Family Management

- (a) Provide a plan of action to accommodate management of family units during emergencies.
- (b) Develop a response plan when family units are separated temporarily or permanently due to unexpected illness, evacuation, or unforeseen circumstance causing an unexpected and unavoidable separation of minors and the parents or guardians.



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#### **ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD**

#### **ESCORTED TRIPS FOR NON-MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Residents may visit critically ill members of their immediate family or attend their funerals under certain circumstances through emergency staff-escorted trips into the community.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are:
  - 1. Within the constraints of safety and security and while under constant staff supervision, selected residents will be able to visit critically-ill members of their immediate family or attend family member's funerals.
  - 2. Safety and security will be primary considerations in planning, approving, and escorting a resident from a facility for a non-medical emergency.
  - 3. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 4. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

#### IV. REFERENCES

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ICE/DRO Residential Standard on "Searches of Residents"

ICE/DRO Residential Standard on "Land Transportation"

ICE/DRO Residential Standard on "Use of Force"

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### 1. Non-Medical Emergency Trip Requests and Approvals

On a case-by-case basis, and with approval of the JFRMU and in collaboration with the respective Field Office, the ICE facility administrator may allow a resident who is an immediate family member – under ICE/DRO staff escort – to visit:

- a. A critically-ill member of his or her immediate family, or
- b. A funeral of an immediate family member.

"Immediate family member" is defined as a parent (including stepparent or foster parent), brother, sister, biological, step- or adopted child, and spouse (including common-law spouse).

"Critically III" is defined as a family member who is confined to a hospital and whose condition is life threatening or has the immediate potential to become life threatening.

The Chief JFRMU is the approving official for non-medical emergency escorted trips, and may delegate in writing this authority to the ICE facility administrator for any resident who is determined by ICE/DRO as a resident not requiring a high degree of control and supervision.

The facility administrator shall designate staff to help residents prepare requests for non-medical emergency trip requests.

The designated staff member shall forward the completed resident request to ICE/DRO, so that the ICE facility administrator may make an informed recommendation to JFRMU. ICE/DRO staff shall review the merits of the request and consult with Immigration Enforcement Agents, medical staff, the resident's family, and any other people deemed by ICE to be able to provide relevant information. On the basis of the information collected, the ICE/DRO staff shall report to the ICE facility administrator on the appropriateness of the resident's travel plan and the amount of supervision it would entail.

#### 2. Types of Trips and Travel Arrangements

#### a. Local Trip

A "local" trip is travel that involves up to a 10-hour absence from the facility.

#### b. Extended Trip

An "extended" trip is travel, which involves more than a 10-hour absence including overnight stays.

#### c. Travel Arrangements and Costs

ICE/DRO shall make all travel arrangements; however, travel involving a commercial carrier may not commence until the resident or person acting on his or her behalf has submitted an open paid-in-full ticket or electronic-ticket voucher in the resident's name. The cost of the resident's round-trip transportation on a commercial carrier must be paid by the resident, the resident's family, or other approved source by the JFRMU. ICE/DRO assumes all other costs.

As needed, ICE/DRO shall provide overnight housing. ICE/DRO shall pay the travel costs incurred by the transporting staffs.

#### 3. Selection of Escorts

No fewer thar b)(7)(e) escorts are required for each trip. The ICE facility administrator shall select and assign the roles of the transporting staff (escorts) and delegate (b)(7)(e) the decision-making authority for the trip. Ordinarily, (b)(7)(e) may not be assigned, and in no case may more than (b)(7)(e) be on an escort team.

#### 4. Supervision and Restraint Requirements

Except during any period that the resident is housed in a residential facility, transporting staff shall maintain constant and immediate visual supervision of a resident under escort, and shall follow the policy and procedures in:

- a. The ICE/DRO Residential Standards on "Transportation (By Land)" and "Use of Physical Force and (b)(7)(e)
- b. The ICE Enforcement Standards on "Escorts" and (b)(7)(e)
- c. The ICE Enforcement Standard on "Use of Firearms," if the escorts are armed during the trip

In all circumstances involving the travel of minors, staff must take into account the special needs of minors such as travel seats, meals, access to medicine, etc.

#### 5. Training

Escort staffs and others, as appropriate, shall receive training on:

- a. This Residential Standard
- b. The other standards, policies, and procedures listed above

#### 6. Escort Instructions

- a. Escorts shall follow the applicable policies, standards, and procedures listed above.
- b. Routes, meals, and lodging (if necessary) shall be arranged prior to departure.
- c. Escorts shall follow the schedule included in the trip authorization, arriving at and departing from the places and events at the specific times listed.
- d. For security reasons, the trip route and schedule shall be kept confidential.
- e. The responsible transporting staff shall report unexpected developments to the Control Center of the originating facility. Control Center staff shall relay the information to the highest-ranking supervisor on duty, who shall issue instructions for completion of the trip.

- f. Escorts shall deny the resident access to any intoxicant, narcotic, drug paraphernalia, or drug not prescribed for his or her use by the medical staff.
- g. Residents shall not be placed in (b)(7)(e) unless exigent circumstances necessitate their use. If necessary, the transporting staff may increase the minimum (b)(7)(e) placed on adult residents at the outset of the trip when it can be shown that staff safety is at issue. The resident shall visit the deathbed or attend the funeral in (b)(7)(e) only when the use for (b)(7)(e) can reasonably be articulated as necessary for the safety of the resident and staff. Residents under the age of 18 shall not be placed in (b)(7)(e) without written authorization from the ICE facility administrator. Such authorization must show cause for the need of (b)(7)(e) and must outline the limitations on their use.
- h. Prior to commencing the trip, escorts shall advise residents, including minors, of the rules that will be effective during the trip.
- i. The escorted resident may not:
  - 1) Bring discredit to ICE/DRO
  - 2) Violate any federal, state, or local law
  - 3) Make unauthorized phone call(s)
  - 4) Arrange any visits without the express permission of the facility administrator
- j. If the resident breaches any of these rules, the responsible staff may decide to abort the trip and immediately return to the facility.
- k. Residents shall not be subject to any form of random testing upon return from a non-medical emergency escort; however, they shall be referred to medical authority for consultation in circumstances that warrant further medical attention.
- Staffs may not accept gifts or gratuities from the resident or any other person in appreciation for performing escort duties or for any other reason.

Standard Approved:

John P. Torres

Director

Office of Detention and Removal

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## **CONTROL OFFICER**



# U. S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement

Artesia Family Residential Center

2014

## **POST ORDERS**





#### U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement Artesia Family Residential Center, Artesia NM

#### **Specific Post Orders**

#### AFRC CONTROL OFFICER

### HOURS OF OPERATION:

(b)(7)(e)

#### **HOSTAGE SITUATIONS:**

(b)(7)(e)

#### ASSUME POST:

Prior to assuming any post, the Control Officer will review and sign the post orders in the Sign-In-Record. Ensure you receive the necessary and appropriate equipment from the off-going officer and record it in the post log book. Review the previous log entries, inspect and inventory any equipment assigned to the post, review the informal pass on log, and ask the officer you are relieving about any changes in Post Orders, operating procedures, and other information pertinent to the post.

Complete a physical inspection of the post and general Control area to identify any potential sanitation, safety or maintenance deficiencies.

At the end of shift, each off-going officer will thoroughly brief his/her relief and then record the end of their shift in the post log. All officers will contact the on-duty supervisor prior to departing the facility.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Maintain Control Center Log to include:
  - 1. Name of Officer assigned to post.
  - 2. Time and date assuming /relinquishing the post.
  - 3. Name of supervisor on duty.
  - 4. All group turnouts. (Meal time, recreation, fire evacuation drills, etc.)
  - 5. Shakedowns
  - 6. Census/Emergency Census
  - 7. Residential movement, Arriving and departing AFRC.
- Ensure that all assigned equipment, supplies, Post Orders, and Emergency Plans have been inventoried. (Discrepancies must be reported verbally and in writing to the supervisor)
- Log in reoccurring events.(Count, Count clears, resident meals)
- Log any unusual events, to include fights, disturbances, power outages etc.
- Monitor and regulate all radio traffic if and when necessary.
- Telephonic requests to speak to the Assistant Field Office Director, Supervisory Detention & Deportation Officer and Deportation Officer are to be routed to the appropriate extension.
- Communicate any emergency situations with staff via radio.
- Stay informed of all contractors and volunteers entering the facility and log in log book.
- Log in any noteworthy calls with the time and nature of the call along with the name of the person calling and what staff member was notified.
- When notified by Medical Department or SIEA that an ambulance has been called, Control will notify FLETC of impending arrival of emergency unit.

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#### **OTHER DUTIES:**

#### Departure Procedures: (1-385 card)

- Maintain an accurate Master Count of all residents, to include any and all out-counts.
- When residents are moved to processing, subtract number of residents from their assigned unit and add them to the processing count on the Master Count Change Sheet.
- When residents leave processing and are out of custody, subtract the residents from the processing count on the Master Count and adjust total.
- Log in the officer taking the residents, their name and title, the number of residents departing, along with status (NTA-R&B etc.) and destination in Black ink. Log in the residents information (Name, "A" number & Nationality) in Red ink.

#### **RECURRING DUTIES:**

	Lights on.	
	Morning meal turnout in accordance with scheduled meal rotation.	
	Commence census in accordance with the census policy.	
	Noon meal turnout in accordance with scheduled meal rotation.	
	Announce Know Your Rights and LOP. (Thursday and Friday)	
(b)(7)(e)	Commence census in accordance with the census policy.	
	Evening meal turnout in accordance with scheduled meal rotation.	
	Commence census in accordance with the census policy.	
	Lights out.	
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#### **BOMB THREAT:**



#### **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS:**

- If at any time you feel you, other staff members, or residents are in imminent physical danger, (b)(7)(e)

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- In the event of an emergency such as a fire or unauthorized entry into the building, contact the on-duty supervisor immediately to advise them of the situation and await instructions.

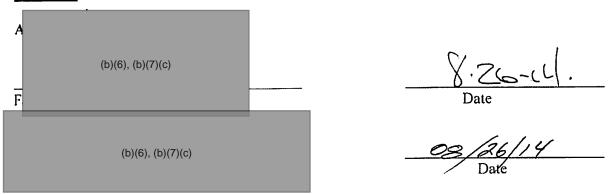
It is not expected that these post orders will cover every conceivable situation that you may be confronted with while performing your assigned duties. However, you are expected to exercise good judgment in the application of these orders. Any questions or concerns should be directed to your supervisor.

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# SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS



#### U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement Artesia Family Residential Center – Artesia, NM

#### **Addendum to Post Orders**

### AFRC CONTROL OFFICER

ADD TO:

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** 

Resident emergency calls -

Residents housed at AFRC may receive messages from friends and family that are emergency related by calling Control Center's main number at (575) (b)(6), (b)(7)(6) ontrol Center Officer will be responsible for taking the caller's name, relation, and a phone number they can be reached at.

Ensure the SIEA is contacted immediately and provided the information to be delivered to the resident.

The SIEA will be responsible for ensuring the message is delivered and that the resident receives an opportunity return the call promptly.

Approved by (b)(6), (b)(7)(c) Title: AFD Date: 9.10.14

## GENERAL POST ORDERS



#### **General Post Orders**

- 1. Officers are required to be in full and proper uniform, if applicable.
- 2. Prior to assuming any post, read, familiarize yourself with, and sign the acknowledgment form attached to the post orders.
- 3. Take charge of your post and all property that it contains. You are responsible for the safety and security of your post as well as resident discipline. All government property is to be inspected for proper working condition. Memorandums will be completed regarding any item that is not properly functioning. Unusual detainee behavior will be reported to your immediate supervisor.
- 4. Never leave the post to which you are assigned until properly relieved. You will perform your assigned duties until you have been properly relieved.
- 5. Be alert and vigilant at all times. Maintain a constant awareness of your surroundings. By maintaining a highly visible profile, residents are less likely to commit prohibited acts.
- 6. Immediately report any unusual circumstance to your supervisor. Keep your immediate supervisor informed of any activity that may lead to unrest. Interaction with residents on a professional level can assist you in gathering information. This type of preventative measure may stop a potential problem before it occurs.
- 7. Officers are responsible for maintaining safety, security, and sanitation of their assigned post.
- 8. Adhere to and pass on to your relief any changes in post orders, operating procedures, and other information pertinent to the post. If you received special instructions during you tour, be sure to pass them on to the relieving officer. Special instructions should also be noted in the appropriate logbook. Get as much information from the previous officer as you can. The more you know about the population's attitude, the better you can prepare yourself to take over the post. Extend the same professional courtesy to the officer that relieves you.
- 9. Notify the shift supervisor IMMEDIATELY in the event of fire, disorder, escape, or injury to anyone. KEEP CALM! Use your radio to notify the supervisor. If radio traffic is heavy, use any available phone. Fire alarms are also located throughout the facility.
- 10. Residents are to be treated with courtesy and respect. Recognizing the effect of personal appearance, speech, conduct, and demeanor in communicating the appropriate sense of authority, every officer shall dress, speak, and act with the utmost professionalism.
- 11. Contact your immediate supervisor in any event that is not covered by instruction. If a situation arises that you have not previously encountered, contact your immediate supervisor for direction in handling the matter.
- 12. Keep accurate log entries of all noteworthy events that take place. By constantly updating your logbook, you assure that any future questions regarding your duties will be easily answered. This will leave little room for negative interpretation of your performance.

13. Maintain accountability of residents at all times.	Verify the census and/or identity of residents under
your control. Conduct random census of residen	its under your supervision to ensure all are present.

## **MEMORANDUM**



# FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS



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Telephone Access	
	AFRC 5.7 Subject

Related Standards/Information

ACA Standard: (Currently family residential standards do not exist)

Family Residential Standards: 5.7 Telephone Access

#### **PURPOSE**

To describe the procedures for permitting resident access to telephones.

#### **POLICY**

Artesia Family Residential Center (AFRC) policy ensures that residents may maintain ties with their families and others in the community, legal representatives, consulates, courts and government agencies by providing them reasonable and equitable access to telephone services.

#### PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

The AFRC provides residents with access to reasonably priced telephone services. The National Contract with Talton Communication Inc. complies with all applicable state and federal regulations. Talton telephone services provide the broadest range of calling options including, but not limited to, local calls, international calls, and collect call.

Rates and surcharges are commensurate with those charged to the general public for like services. Any deviation from ordinary consumer rates reflects actual costs associated with the provision of services in a residential setting.

Telephone access for residents will be through phones located in each housing unit telephone room. To ensure sufficient access, the AFRC will provide at least one operable telephone for every 16 residents.

Telephones will be available for usage from the morning meal until lights out on a daily basis. Calls may be restricted or limited if necessary to prevent interference with official counts or other events constituting the orderly operation of the facility. Residents can add more money to their phone account via Talton Kiosk located in processing by submitting a resident request.

The housing unit officer will be responsible for the unit-based aspects of this program, including inspecting / testing the telephones daily and logging the results. If a telephone is found to be inoperable, the housing officer shall notify their supervisor.

A designated staff member will be responsible for the weekly monitoring of the resident telephone services, to include: Effective 09/14

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- 1. Physically testing all resident telephones to ensure operability;
- 2. Verifying that various numbers on the free call platform function;
- 3. Confirming that the required telephone lists are posted and up to date;
- 4. Following up with Talton Communication Inc. about inoperable telephones; and
- 5. For completing the weekly telephone report and forwarding it to the appropriate department.

Monitoring and Taping

To preserve the security and orderly management of the facility and to protect the public, the AFRC monitors resident telephone calls.

All residents arriving at the AFRC will be notified during orientation and provided in writing (AFRC Resident Handbook) that their calls may be subject to monitoring. Additionally, the resident telephone system will have a recorded message stating that all calls may be subject to monitoring.

A resident's call to a court, a legal representative, Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of the Inspector General (OIG), DHS Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) or for the purposes of obtaining legal representation, may not be electronically monitored without a court order.

Legal Calls

Residents may neither have restrictions placed on the number of calls to their legal representatives, nor limitations on the duration of such calls by rule or automatic cut-off, unless necessary for security purposes or to maintain orderly and fair access to telephones. If time limits are necessary for such calls, they shall be no shorter than 20 minutes, and the resident shall be allowed to continue the call at the first available opportunity, if desired.

#### 1. Privacy

Residents shall be able to make legal calls without being overheard by staff or other residents. Privacy may be provided by:

- a. Placing privacy panels (side partitions) that extend at least 18 inches;
- b. Placing telephones where conversations may not be readily overheard;
- c. Designating specific unmonitored and untapped staff office telephones (prior ICE authority needed).

Telephones shall not be placed near television sets or in any area where it can be reasonably expected that excessive noise may interfere with the callers' ability to communicate privately.

#### Direct or Free Calls

The AFRC shall not require residents to pay for the following calls:

1. To the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) or local immigration court and the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA);

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- 2. To federal and state courts where the resident is or may become involved in a legal proceeding;
- 3. To consular officials;
- 4. To the Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS/OIG);
- 5. To legal representatives, to obtain legal representation, or consultation when subject to expedited removal (when a resident is under an expedited removal or, his/her ability to contact pro bono legal representatives shall not be restricted);
- 6. To the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR);
- 7. To federal, state or local government offices to obtain documents relevant to his/her immigration case;
- 8. To immediate family members in a personal or family emergency, or when the resident can otherwise demonstrate a compelling need (to be interpreted liberally); and
- 9. A free three minute phone call upon arrival.

#### **Indigent Residents**

AFRC may not require indigent residents to pay for calls if they are local calls, nor for nonlocal calls if there is a compelling need. AFRC shall enable all residents to make calls to the ICE/ERO-provided list of free legal service providers and consulates at no charge to the resident or the receiving party. An indigent resident is typically classified as a resident that has less than \$15 receipted while housed at the AFRC.

#### Request Forms

Where access to free telephone calls is limited by technology, residents may submit a resident request form to make direct or free calls. Staff shall assist them as needed, especially illiterate or non-English speaking residents. All requests for assistance shall be reviewed and responded to within one calendar day. All denials shall be documented and a copy forwarded to the resident and to the Juvenile and Family Residential Management Unit (JFRMU) for review.

Staff shall allow residents to make such calls as soon as possible after the requests, factoring in the urgency stated by the resident. Access shall always be granted within 24 hours of the request, but ordinarily, within eight (8) facility-established "waking hours."

#### Emergencies

Telephone privileges may be limited or suspended entirely during an emergency, but only with the authorization of the Facility Administrator and only for the briefest period necessary under the circumstances.

In an emergency, staff may arrange for a resident to receive an incoming phone call. Ordinarily, calls in this category will involve a serious family illness, death, or impending disaster related to the resident's family or property.

Ordinarily, incoming phone calls from attorneys will not be permitted either, but in the event of an imminent legal issue, staff will give the resident a message to call the attorney.

If a resident receives an incoming call of an emergency nature, the telephone number and name of the calling party will be obtained and the resident will be permitted to call that person.

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Inter-facility Telephone Calls

Upon receiving a resident's request, the SIEA or designee shall make special arrangements to permit the resident to speak by telephone with an immediate family member detained in another ICE facility. (Immediate family members include the resident's spouse, common-law spouse, parents, stepparents, foster parents, brothers, sisters, natural or adopted children, and stepchildren.) Reasonable limitations may be placed on the frequency and duration of such calls.

Reasonable limitations may be placed on the frequency and duration of these calls, but calls to discuss legal matters, the SIEA shall grant liberally. For such calls, the resident's conversation shall be afforded privacy to the closest possible extent, while maintaining adequate security.

Hearing or Speech Impaired Residents

Residents with hearing and/or speech disabilities, and residents who wish to communicate with parties, who have such disabilities, are afforded access to a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD)., or comparable equipment. The TTY phones can be located at the Shift Supervisors office. Residents can access the use of a TTY phone by requesting through either the housing officer or submitting a resident request.

**Incoming Calls** 

Residents housed at AFRC are able to receive messages from their friends and family through Talton Communications with a dedicated message line. Individuals may call (888) 516(6), (b)(7)(c) and leave the resident's full name, alien registration number and a telephone number where they can be reached. In cases that are emergency related, friends and family may call (575) 746(6), (b)(7) and leave the resident's full name, alien registration number and a telephone number where they can be reached. Emergency messages will be given to residents immediately and they will be permitted to promptly return the call at their own expense. Indigent residents shall be provided a free return emergency call.

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#### ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

#### **RESIDENT CENSUS**

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Each facility has an ongoing, effective system of resident census to verify presence within the facility at specified times, thereby protecting the residential community from harm and enhancing facility security, safety, and good order.

#### II. EXPECTED OUTCOME.

- 1. The expected outcome of this Standard is that security, safety, and orderly facility operations will be maintained through an ongoing, effective system of resident census.
- 2. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
- 3. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

#### IV. REFERENCES

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association 4th Edition Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-2A-16, 2A-17.

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### 1. Resident census

Resident census is conducted at specific times of the day and night in a predetermined manner. A formal resident census should be conducted (b)(7)(e) times a day, with a shift supervisor verifying census accuracy. During the formal census, residents shall report to pre-designated areas at specified times and check in with staff as required. The census shall not resemble a standing head count such as those used in correctional operations except as permitted within this standard.

Census procedures must be strictly followed. If the accuracy of a census is in doubt, the staff shall do a census and any other double-checking necessary. Staff performing the census shall never rely on a roll call.

- a. Staffs shall encourage resident cooperation; however, they shall not allow residents to perform the census, nor participate in the preparation or documentation of the census process.
- b. As each area reports its census, the control staff shall so indicate in the control log. If any area/unit reports an incorrect census, all residents will be required to be returned to their housing unit for a formal census.
- c. A formal census requires face-to-photo verification. When the face-to-photo census has been completed, the control staff shall report that census to the shift supervisor responsible for accepting and clearing the census.
- d. In the event that a resident is unaccounted for after the face-to-photo verification, the supervisor on duty shall institute the escape policy.
- e. The census shall not be conducted during sleeping hours and staff shall not shine lights or otherwise disturb residents unless an exigent circumstance exists.

#### 2. Face-to-Photo Verification

Face-to-photo verification shall be conducted as necessary.

Face-to-photo verification procedures are the same as the formal census procedures, except each resident shall be matched with the photo on his or her l-385 card or other facility photo-identification card.

#### 3. Master Census

The facility Control Center shall maintain a master census.

The facility control staff maintains the master census record. He or she must be provided with up-to-the-minute information regarding resident admissions, releases, housing changes, hospital admissions, and any other changes that could affect resident accountability.

#### 4. Out-Counts

The control staff shall maintain an out-count record of the number and destination of all residents who temporarily leave the facility.

This record must contain an accurate and up-to-date listing of every temporary departure and return of a resident

#### 5. Emergency Counts

An emergency count shall be conducted when there is reason to believe a resident is missing, or after a major incident has occurred.

An emergency count is a formal census taken in addition to and at a different time from the regularly scheduled Resident reporting. When a resident is unaccounted for, or a major incident has ended, a census shall be taken to determine that no residents or staff are missing.

All residents shall be returned to their housing units during emergency counts. An emergency count is conducted in the same manner as a formal census.

**Standard Approved:** 

John B. Torres

**Director** 

Office of Detention and Removal

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#### ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT STANDARD

#### **ADMISSION AND RELEASE**

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Residents are admitted to or released from a facility in a secure and orderly fashion.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Each adult resident will be searched upon admission to ensure facility safety, security, and good order.
  - 2. Each minor resident will be searched upon admission using the least intrusive methods available.
  - 3. Each resident's personal property and valuables will be checked upon admission for contraband which, if found, will then be inventoried, receipted, and stored.
  - 4. Each resident's identification documents will be secured in the resident's file.
  - 5. Each resident will be medically screened upon admission to protect the health of the resident and others in the facility.
  - 6. Each resident will be given an opportunity upon admission to shower and be issued clean clothing, bedding, towels, and personal hygiene items.
  - 7. Each resident will undergo screening interviews and complete questionnaires and other forms upon admission.
  - 8. Each newly admitted resident will be kept separated from previously admitted residents until in processing is completed and housing is assigned.
  - 9. Each newly admitted resident will be oriented to the facility through written material on facility policies, rules, prohibited acts, and procedures and, in some facilities, by viewing an orientation video.
  - 10. Residents will be released, removed, or transferred from a facility only when staff have followed specified procedures and completed required forms.
  - 11. The facility will maintain accurate records and documentation on all residents' admission, orientation, and release.
  - 12. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 13. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED

This Residential Management Standard is a new standard.

This Standard incorporates the "Strip Search Guidelines for Admission to Detention Facility" originally communicated via a Memorandum for Regional Directors dated 4/14/2003 from the Director, Office of Detention and Removal. These guidelines are revised to reflect that no minor may be strip searched. No adult resident may be strip searched without the expressed approval of ICE.

#### IV. REFERENCES

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October 15, 2007, Memorandum from DRO Director John Torres, "Change Notice: Admission and Release- National Detention Standard Strip Search Policy."

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### 1. Overview of Admission, Orientation, and Release

As detailed below, each facility is required to implement written policies and procedures for the intake and reception of newly arrived residents and to provide them information about facility policies, rules, and procedures. At intake, residents are searched or screened using metal detection equipment, and their personal property and valuables are checked for contraband. Residents are allowed to keep and utilize personal clothing or utilize clothing alternatives provided by the facility. Personal items and clothing not kept or allowed will be inventoried, receipted, and stored. Each resident's identification documents are secured in the resident's file. Medical screening protects the health of the resident and others in the facility, and the resident must shower prior to being admitted to the general population. Upon admission each resident is issued clean clothing, bedding, towels, and personal hygiene items.

Each new arrival undergoes screening interviews, and completes questionnaires and

other forms. For safety, security, and good order of the facility, each newly arrived resident is kept separated from the general population until he or she is assessed, classified, and housed accordingly.

Each new arrival is oriented to the facility through written material in the form of a handbook or equivalent, is appraised of the facility's rules and prohibited acts, and, in some facilities, may have an opportunity to view an orientation video.

Before a resident's release, removal, or transfer from a facility, staff must follow specified procedures and complete various forms.

#### 2. Intake and Reception

#### a. Search of Resident

All residents shall be searched upon admission, in accordance with the Search Standard. Ordinarily, such searches shall include:

- 1) Screening with a metal detector,
- 2) A search of his or her clothing.

During admission to a facility, or at any time thereafter, pat-downs shall not be conducted on any resident unless a reasonable and articulated suspicion can be documented. No child resident under age14 may be the subject of a pat-down search without the expressed authorization of the facility administrator or the assistant facility administrator.

A pat search (or "pat down") is an inspection of a resident, using the hands. The inspector uses his or her sense of touch when patting or running the hands over the clothed resident's body. It is considered the least intrusive of the body searches and should only be conducted by a staff member of the same gender.

A pat search does not require the resident to remove clothing, although the inspection includes a search of the resident's clothing and personal effects.

A hand-held and/or stationary metal detector shall be available and will be used in lieu of a pat search whenever possible.

Staff shall afford all residents a degree of dignity and respect. Residents shall be afforded privacy when changing and showering during admission. No resident will be strip searched absent articulable reasonable suspicion that the detainee is secretly concealing contraband on his or her person. Strip search of a resident in a family residential center shall not be conducted.

Minor residents shall generally not be pat searched unless they are 14 years or older and there is an articlable reason to conduct a pat search. Minors shall be screened only upon entry to the facility. Screening procedures for minors age 14 years or older may include the following:

- Screening with a metal detector,
- 2) A search of his or her clothing.

3) A thorough pat down if articulated suspicion exists that the minor may be carrying contraband. Children shall never be separated from their respective parent[s] during the admission process unless shown that such separation is necessary to protect the child, or an immediate threat to the safety, security, and good order of the facility can be shown to exist.

All newly arriving residents shall be required to change into new clothing after arrival to the facility and prior to placement in general housing.

#### b. Search of Clothing and Personal Items

Staff shall focus search efforts on commonly used hiding and smuggling places, such as pockets, waistbands, seams, collars, zipper areas, cuffs, and shoe exteriors and interiors, including under the inner soles.

Staff shall also inspect all open containers, and inventory and store factory-sealed durable goods in accordance with facility procedures.

Items discovered during the search of a resident or his or her property shall be identified as:

- 1) Contraband and processed in accordance with the Residential Detention Standard on Contraband, or
- 2) Funds, valuables, or other personal property, to be kept in the resident's possession or inventoried, receipted, stored, or mailed to an address provided by the resident, in accordance with the Residential Detention Standard on Funds and Personal Property.

#### c. Visual Searches ("Strip Searches")

Staff shall not strip search a resident as part of the admission process. Should any conditions exist that staff feel would warrant a strip search of any individual in a family residential center, the resident will be taken to the admissions area until an interview can be conducted by ICE staff. Staff will utilize non-intrusive search methods such as a pat down. If it is determined that any resident may have a weapon or hard contraband on their person, upon authorization of the ICE Facility Administrator, an ICE/DRO Officer may move the resident to a private area for further search. A private area is defined as an area that affords privacy and where observation is limited to members of the same gender.

Upon establishment of reasonable suspicion that hard contraband is present on the person of a resident, staff must document the basis for that reasonable suspicion. Facts supporting a basis for reasonable suspicion may include the result of a metal detector screening, the results of an intake interview, reports from other detainees or witnesses, the results of a criminal history or national security database check, the presence of tattoos or some other articulable basis to believe that the detainee has a terrorist or gang affiliation, or any articulable behavior or gestures suggesting an attempt to conceal contraband.

Once this information is documented, the resident shall be moved to a private area, and required to surrender clothing to an officer of the same gender. The resident

shall change out into new clothing, however, shall not be required to remove undergarments unless the presence of contraband is noted and presents a clear and present danger to the staff member or resident.

Visual or strip searches may not be authorized or conducted without the expressed consent of the ICE facility administrator. A visual search or strip search shall only be conducted by (b)(7)(e) CE Officers of the same gender as the resident and only in circumstances where it can be shown that a life or public safety issue is clearly established. A visual search or strip search may never be conducted on a child under age14 without the authorization of the Field Officer Director or JFRMU.

In any instance where a parent must be searched, the search shall not be performed in the presence of any child. In any instance where a child must be searched, the parent must be present.

A visual search (or "strip search") is a visual inspection of all body surfaces and body cavities. The inspector shall not touch any skin surface of the resident. However, the inspector may request that the resident move parts of the body to permit visual inspection. It is considered more intrusive than a pat search and shall be made in a manner designed to assure as much privacy to the resident as practicable.

Such searches will be conducted in a manner that preserves the resident's dignity.

#### d. Showers

Every resident must shower (or be bathed if an infant or young child) before entering his or her assigned unit. During the resident's shower, an officer of the same gender shall remain in the immediate area but shall not observe the shower process.

#### e. Search of Baggage and Personal Property

In accordance with the Detention Standard on Funds and Personal Property, each facility shall have a procedure for inventory and receipt of resident baggage and personal property (other than funds and valuables, which are addressed below).

Identity documents, such as passports, birth certificates, and driver's licenses, shall be inventoried and given to ICE/DRO staff for placement in the resident's A-file.

Staff shall prepare an itemized list of the resident's baggage and personal property, using the Personal Property Inventory Form. If a resident has no baggage, staff shall use a facility container to store his or her personal property.

#### f. Missing Resident Property

When a newly arrived resident claims his or her property has been lost or left behind, staff shall complete a Form I-387, "Report of Resident's Missing Property." IGSA facilities shall forward completed I-387s to ICE/DRO.

#### g. Funds and Valuables

In accordance with the Detention Standard on Funds and Personal Property, each facility shall institute procedures for inventory and receipt of resident funds and

valuables.

#### h. Medical Screening

To protect the health of the resident and others in the facility, each facility shall medically screen each newly arrived resident, in accordance with the Detention Standard on **Medical Care**.

#### i. Establishment of a Resident Detention File

As part of the admission process, staff shall open a resident detention file that shall contain all paperwork generated by the resident's stay at the facility. Reference is made to the Detention Standard on **Detention Files**.

#### 2. Clothing and Bedding

In accordance with the Detention Standard on Clothing, Bedding, Towels, and Personal Hygiene Items, staff shall issue those items that are appropriate for the facility environment and local weather conditions.

#### 3. Housing

Staff shall use the documentation accompanying each new arrival for use in determining the most appropriate method for housing each family. ICE/DRO shall provide only the information needed for ensuring that family units classification.

Under no circumstances may non-ICE/DRO personnel have access to the resident's Afile.

The classification process determines the appropriate level of custody for each resident. Once this is established, staff can issue the resident clothing/wristband in the appropriate color for his or her classification level.

New residents shall remain separated from the general population during the admissions and orientation intake.

#### 4. Admissions Documentation

An order to detain or release the resident (Form I-203 or I-203a), bearing the appropriate official signature, must accompany each newly arriving resident. Facilities shall forward the resident's A-file or temporary work file to the ICE/DRO office with jurisdiction. Staff shall prepare specific documents in conjunction with each new arrival to facilitate timely processing, classification, medical screening, accounting of personal effects, and reporting of statistical data.

The A-File or temporary work file must accompany the arriving resident, unless ICE/DRO and facility officials have authorized other arrangements.

Forms requiring completion include, but are not limited to, the Alien Booking Record (Form 1385); the medical questionnaire; the housing assignment card, and any others used by the booking entity.

#### 5. Orientation

All facilities shall have a medium to provide ICE/DRO residents an orientation to the facility. Orientation procedures must be approved in advance by the JFRMU.

#### 6. Resident Handbook

In accordance with the Detention Standard on **Resident Handbook**, each facility shall issue to each newly admitted resident a handbook (or equivalent) that fully describes all policies, procedures, and rules in effect at the facility.

If a resident does not understand the language of the handbook, the facility administrator shall provide a translator or may use a language line for orientation and scheduled meetings.

#### 7. Releases

Staff must complete certain procedures before any resident's release, removal, or transfer from the facility. Necessary steps include completing and processing forms, closing files, fingerprinting; returning personal property; and reclaiming facility-issued clothing, bedding, etc. ICE/DRO shall approve release procedures.

The facility must identify and have in place all necessary procedures that ensure the completion of all paperwork, verification of the resident to be released or transferred, and shall document that all releases are properly ordered by ICE.

The facility shall ensure verification for residents to be released through the use of photos, biometrics, or other system designed to prevent the accidental release of residents.

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#### ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

#### **TELEPHONE ACCESS**

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Residents may, through the reasonable and equitable access to telephone services, maintain ties with their families and others in the community.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Residents will have reasonable and equitable access to reasonably-priced telephone services.
  - 2. Residents with hearing or speech disabilities will be provided reasonable accommodations.
  - 3. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 4. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### III DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

#### IV. REFERENCES

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American Correctional Association 4th Edition, Standards for Adult Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-2A-65, 2A-66, 5B-11, 5B-12, 6a-02, 6A-09.

ICE/DRO Residential Standard on "Staff-Detention Communication," in regard to monitoring and documenting telephone serviceability.

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### 1. Telephones and Telephone Services

#### a. Number

To ensure sufficient access, each facility shall provide at least one telephone for every 16 residents.

#### b. Costs

Generally, residents or the persons they call are responsible for the costs of telephone calls; however, there are exceptions as required below.

Each facility shall ensure that residents have access to telephone services at a cost that mirrors community standards. Contracts for such services shall comply with all applicable state and federal regulations, and shall be based on rates and surcharges commensurate with those charged to the general public. Any deviations shall reflect actual costs associated with the provision of services in a residential setting. Contracts shall also provide the broadest range of calling options that are determined by the facility administrator to be consistent with the requirements of sound residential facility management.

#### c. Special Services

Accommodations shall be made for residents with hearing or speech disabilities, or residents who wish to communicate with such persons. Such accommodations may include, for example, telephones with volume controls, TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) or comparable equipment. These services shall be provided to ensure these residents are provided effective access.

#### d. Maintenance

Each facility shall maintain resident telephones in proper working order. Designated facility staff shall inspect the telephones daily, promptly report out-of-order telephones to the repair service, and ensure that required repairs are completed quickly.

#### 2. Monitoring of Resident Telephone Calls

Each facility shall have a written policy on the monitoring of resident telephone calls. If telephone calls are monitored, the facility shall:

- Notify residents in the resident handbook or equivalent, provided upon admission.
- At each monitored telephone, place a notice that states:
  - That resident calls are subject to monitoring.
  - o The procedure for obtaining an unmonitored call to a court or legal representative, or for the purposes of obtaining legal representation.

Absent a court order, a resident's call to a court or a legal representative or for the purposes of obtaining legal representation may not be aurally monitored.

#### 3. Resident Notification

Each facility shall provide telephone access rules in writing to each resident upon admission, and also shall post these rules where residents can easily see them.

#### 4. Resident Access

Each facility administrator shall establish and oversee rules and procedures that provide residents reasonable and equitable access to telephones during established facility

"waking hours" (which exclude the hours between lights-out and morning resumption of scheduled activities).

Ordinarily, a facility may restrict the number and duration of general telephone calls only for the following reasons:

- a. Availability. When required by resident telephone use demands, rules and procedures may include, but are not limited to, reasonable limitations on the duration and the number of calls per resident, the use of predetermined time-blocks, and advance sign-up.
- b. Emergencies. Escapes, escape attempts, disturbances, fires, power outages, etc. Telephone privileges may be suspended entirely during an emergency, but only with the authorization of the facility administrator or designee, and only for the briefest period necessary under the circumstances.

#### 5. Direct or Free Calls

In addition to the requirements above, each facility shall permit residents to make **direct or free** calls to the offices and individuals listed below. Current telephone numbers for the following will be posted in all housing areas and/or by public access telephones. A facility may place reasonable restrictions on the hours, frequency and duration of such direct and/or free calls, but may not otherwise limit a resident's attempting to obtain legal representation.

- The local immigration court and the Board of Immigration Appeals
- Federal and state courts where the resident is in, or may become involved in, a legal proceeding
- Consular officials
- Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security at: (800) 323(6), (b)(7)(c)
- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- Legal representatives, to obtain legal representation, or for consultation, when a resident is subject to Expedited Removal. Any facility restrictions on other direct or free calls must not unduly limit a resident's attempt to obtain legal representation.
- A government office, to obtain documents relevant to his or her immigration case
- Immediate family or others, for residents in personal or family emergencies, or who otherwise demonstrate a compelling need (to be interpreted liberally)

#### a. Request Forms

Where access to free telephone calls is limited by technology, residents may complete request forms to make direct or free calls. Facility staff shall assist them as needed, especially illiterate or non-English speaking residents. All requests for assistance shall be reviewed and responded to within one calendar day. All denials shall be documented and a copy forwarded to the resident and ICE/JFRMU for

review.

#### b. Time Requirements

Staff shall allow residents to make such calls as soon as possible after the requests, factoring in the urgency stated by the resident. Access shall always be granted within 24 hours of the request, but ordinarily, within 8 facility-established "waking hours."

Staff must document and report to ICE/DRO any incident of delay beyond eight "waking hours."

#### c. Indigent Residents

A facility may not require indigent residents to pay for the types of calls listed above if they are local calls, nor for non-local calls if there is a compelling need. Each facility shall enable all residents to make calls to the ICE/DRO-provided list of free legal service providers and consulates at no charge to the resident or the receiving party.

#### 6. Legal Calls

#### a. Restrictions

A facility may neither restrict the number of calls a resident places to his or her legal representatives, nor limit the duration of such calls, by rule or automatic cut-off, unless necessary for security purposes or to maintain orderly and fair access to telephones. If time limits are necessary for such calls, they shall be no less than 20 minutes, and the resident shall be allowed to continue the call at the first available opportunity, if desired.

Any facility restrictions on other direct or free calls must not unreasonably limit a resident's attempt to obtain legal representation.

#### b. Privacy

For resident telephone calls regarding legal matters, each facility shall ensure privacy by providing a reasonable number of telephones on which residents can make such calls without being overheard by staff or other residents. Absent a court order, staff may not monitor those calls.

The facility shall inform residents to contact staff if they have difficulty making a confidential call relating to a legal proceeding. If so notified, the staff shall take measures to ensure that the call can be made confidentially.

Privacy may be provided in a number of ways, including:

- Telephones with privacy panels (side partitions) that extend at least 18 inches to prevent conversations from being overheard;
- Telephones placed where conversations may not be readily overheard by others, or;
- Office telephones on which residents may be permitted to make such calls.

Telephones shall not be placed near television sets or in any area where it can be reasonably expected that excessive noise may interfere with the caller ability to communicate privately.

#### 7. Inter-facility Telephone Calls

Upon a resident's request, facility staff shall make special arrangements to permit the resident to speak by telephone with an immediate family member detained in another facility. Immediate family members include spouses, common-law spouses, parents, stepparents, foster parents, brothers, sisters, and biological or adopted children.

Reasonable limitations may be placed on the frequency and duration of such calls.

Facility staff shall liberally grant such requests when they involve discussion of legal matters, and shall afford the resident privacy to the extent practical.

#### 8. Incoming Calls

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Facility staff shall take and deliver **emergency** telephone messages to residents as promptly as possible.

When a call concerns an emergency, facility staff shall:

- Record the caller's name and telephone number.
- Deliver the message to the resident as soon as possible.
- Permit the resident to return the call as soon as reasonably possible, within the constraints of security and safety.
- If the resident is indigent, enable him or her to make a free return call.

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#### ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

#### SEARCHES OF RESIDENTS

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Contraband is detected, controlled, and/or properly disposed of, protecting residents and staff and enhancing facility good order and security.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Residents will live and work in a safe and orderly environment.
  - 2. Contraband will be controlled.
  - 3. Searches of residents, housing and work areas will be conducted without unnecessary force and in ways that, insofar as is practical, preserve the dignity of residents.
  - 4. When body searches are conducted, the least intrusive practicable search method will be employed, as determined by the type of contraband and the method of suspected introduction or concealment.
  - 5. A pat-down search will be conducted only when there is reasonable belief or suspicion that contraband may be concealed on the person, or a good opportunity for concealment has occurred, and, if required, when properly authorized by a supervisor.
  - Contraband that may be evidence of a criminal law violation will be preserved, inventoried, controlled, and stored so as to maintain and document the chain of custody.
  - 7. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 8. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED

None.

#### IV. REFERENCES

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October 15, 2007, Memorandum from DRO Director John Torres, "Change Notice: Admission and Release- National Detention Standard Strip Search Policy."

## V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

## 1. Written Policy and Procedures Required

All facilities shall have written policy and procedures for:

- a. Employment of the least intrusive method of search practicable, as determined by the type of contraband and the method of suspected introduction or concealment;
- b. Conduct of body searches, including frisks ("pat-downs"), visual searches ("strip searches"), body cavity searches, and x-rays;
- c. Avoidance of unnecessary force and efforts to preserve the dignity of residents during searches, to the extent practicable;
- d. Avoidance of unnecessary disorder during a search of housing or work areas; such searches shall not be conducted on a routine basis;
- e. Handling of contraband;
- f. Preservation of evidence.

## 2. Staff Training

Staff shall receive initial and annual training on effective search techniques.

## 3. Search of Resident Housing and Work Areas

The purpose for searching resident housing and work areas is to ensure a safe living environment for families. Periodically, staff may search a resident's housing and work area as well as personal items contained within those areas, without notice to, or approval from the resident. However, search of a resident's personal items should include notification to the resident and require their presence unless exigent circumstances exist. The facility is required to notify ICE weekly of all physical plant searches conducted. ICE shall immediately be notified of any instance in which hard contraband is found. Each facility shall establish procedures to ensure all housing units and work areas are searched at least daily, however, search times shall be at irregular intervals to prevent staging of contraband. Inspections are primarily designed to:

- a. Detect contraband;
- b. Prevent escapes;
- c. Maintain sanitary standards, and;
- d. Eliminate fire and safety hazards.

Staff shall maintain written documentation of each area search. The Assistant

Facility Administrator for Operations shall maintain the inspectors' documentation.

### 4. Searches of Residents

Staff shall document all searches, authorizations, and the reasons for the searches in any logs used to record searches and in the resident's residential file.

#### a. Pat Search

During admission to a facility, or at any time thereafter, pat-downs shall not be conducted on any resident unless reasonable and articulable suspicion can be documented. No child resident fourteen years old or younger may be the subject of a pat-down search without the explicit authorization of the facility administrator or the assistant facility administrator.

A pat-down is an inspection of a resident, using the hands. The inspector uses his or her sense of touch when patting or running the hands over the clothed resident's body. It is considered the least intrusive of the body searches and should only be conducted by a staff member of the same gender.

A pat-down does not require the resident to remove clothing, although the inspection includes a search of the resident's clothing and personal effects.

A hand-held and/or stationary metal detector shall be available and will be used in lieu of a pat-down.

## b. Strip/Visual Search

**Description:** A strip search, also referred to as a visual search may not be authorized or conducted without the explicit consent of the ICE facility administrator. A strip search shall only be conducted by (b)(7)(e) ICE staff members of the same gender as the resident and only under circumstances where it can be shown that a life or public safety issue is clearly established. A strip search may never be conducted on a child under age fourteen without the authorization of the Field Office Director and JFRMU.

In any instance where a parent must be searched, the search shall not be performed in the presence of any child. In any instance where a child must be searched, the parent must be present.

A strip search is a visual inspection of all body surfaces and body cavities. The inspector shall not touch any skin surface of the resident. However, the inspector may request that the resident move parts of the body to permit visual inspection. It is considered more intrusive than a pat-down and shall be made in a manner designed to ensure as much privacy to the resident as practicable.

A strip search requires the removal or rearrangement of some or all of the resident's clothing to examine the clothing or to permit the inspection of exterior skin surfaces of the body, including breasts and exterior anal and genital areas, inside of the nose, ears, and mouth. If items are discovered that protrude from a body cavity, the removal of those items are governed by the procedures applicable to body cavity searches, addressed below.

## c. Body Cavity Searches

In every instance where it is established that a foreign object is located within a body cavity, only a qualified medical authority shall be authorized to locate and remove the object. Only the Chief JFRMU in conjunction with the Field Office Director can authorize this type of search.

## 5. PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE

Contraband that may be evidence of a criminal law violation shall be preserved, inventoried, controlled, and stored so as to maintain and document the chain of custody, and shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement authority for action and possible seizure and prosecution.

**Standard Approved:** 

John P. Torres

**Director** 

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# ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

## TRANSFER OF RESIDENTS

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Transfers of residents from one facility to another are responsibly managed in regard to notifications, resident records, safety and security and protection of resident funds and personal property.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are:
  - 1. Decisions to transfer residents will be made by authorized officials on the basis of complete and accurate case information.
  - 2. The legal representative-of-record will be properly notified that a resident is being transferred, in accordance with sound security practices.
  - 3. The resident will be properly notified, orally and in writing, when he or she is being transferred to another facility, in accordance with sound security practices.
  - 4. Transportation and receiving facility staff will have accurate and complete records on each transferred resident.
  - 5. Transfer of residents will be accomplished safely and securely, particularly those with special health care concerns.
  - 6. Transferred residents funds, valuables, and other personal property will be safeguarded.
  - 7. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 8. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

## III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

## IV. REFERENCES

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#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

## 1. Types of Transfers

ICE/DRO transfers residents from one facility to another for a variety of reasons. The transfer of a resident may never be based solely on residents' reporting of wrongdoing or alleging misconduct by or against staff members.

In deciding whether to transfer a resident, ICE/DRO will consider whether the resident is represented before the immigration court. In such cases, ICE/DRO shall consider alternatives to transfer, especially when the attorney is located within reasonable driving distance of the Residential facility and where immigration court proceedings are ongoing.

- a. Medical. The Division of Immigration Health Services (DIHS) may recommend that a resident in need of specialized or long-term medical care be transferred to a facility that can meet those needs. The DIHS Medical Director or designee must approve transfers for medical reasons in advance. Medical transfers shall be coordinated through the local ICE/DRO office of jurisdiction using established procedures.
- b. Change of Venue. A resident may be transferred from one jurisdiction to another to accommodate a change in venue by the Executive Office of Immigration Review

**Security.** A resident may be transferred to a higher-level facility, ordinarily because of circumstances that cannot adequately be controlled. Such security reasons might include, for example:

- When the resident becomes a threat to the security of the facility;
- When the resident is violent or has caused a major disturbance or is threatening to cause one; or
- When a resident's behavior or other circumstances are a threat to the safety of staff or other residents.
- When a resident no longer meets the minimum qualifications for placement in a residential family center
- c. Other Needs of ICE/DRO or a Particular Resident. Residents may be transferred to another facility for various reasons, such as to eliminate overcrowding or to meet a particular resident's special needs.

## 2. Notification Procedure

ICE/DRO shall make all necessary notifications when a resident is transferred.

When residents are being transported by Justice Prisoner Alien Transportation System (JPATS), ICE/DRO shall adhere to JPATS protocols.

#### a. Attorney

When a resident is represented by legal counsel, and a form G-28 has been properly executed and filed, the resident's Deportation Staff shall:

- Notify the representative of record that the resident is being transferred and include the reason for the transfer and the name, location, and telephone number of the new facility.
- Document the notification:
  - o In the resident's A file, if available, or work file, and
  - o The "comments" screen in DACS.

For security purposes, the attorney shall not be notified of the transfer until the resident is en route to the new Residential location, and the notification shall not include specific travel details (day of travel, mode of travel, etc.). In all cases notification will be made within 24 hours of the transfer.

When there are special security concerns, the Deportation Staff may delay the notification, but only for the period of time justified by those concerns.

## b. Family

It is the responsibility of the attorney of record or the resident to notify any family members.

## c. Resident

The resident shall not be informed of the transfer until immediately prior to leaving the facility, at which time he or she shall be notified that he or she is being moved to a new facility within the United States and not being deported. Reasonable efforts should be made to advise the resident in a language the resident understands.

For security purposes, specific plans and time schedules shall never be discussed with the resident.

Following notification, the resident shall normally not be permitted to make or receive any telephone calls or have contact with any resident in the general population until the resident reaches the destination facility.

At the time of the transfer, ICE/DRO shall provide the resident, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of the facility to which he or she is being transferred, using the attached **Resident Transfer Notification** form. Staff shall place a copy of the form in the resident's Residential File. The resident shall also be advised that it is his or her responsibility to notify family members, if so desired.

# d. Unaccompanied Juveniles and Accompanied Juveniles

Since special notification procedures may apply if the resident is under 18 years old, the Deportation Staff shall coordinate proposed transfers with the juvenile coordinator for the respective ICE/DRO Field Office.

Generally, minors who are part of a family unit shall be transported with at least one parent. Any exception must be noted and approved by ICE prior to performing any transport of an accompanied minor.

# 3. Request for Bed/Designation

Field Offices that routinely transfer cases between each other shall:

- Establish a means of communication so that "receiving" Field Offices provide "sending" Field Offices daily information regarding available bed space.
- Provide the names and contact numbers of staff responsible for handling transfers.

While Field Offices are encouraged to communicate directly regarding available housing space, the headquarters Detention Management Division is available to assist a Field Office that has unsuccessfully attempted to locate space.

Field Offices seeking bed space in other Field Office jurisdictions should phone the request (or e-mail with a follow-up phone call) with sufficient details of the case to the designated Field Office contact.

Once an office has preliminarily agreed to accept a case from another office, the following procedures apply:

# a. Requesting Office Sends (via Fax) Form I-216 to the Receiving Field Office The requesting office shall ensure all Form I-216 boxes are completed.

- Complete information must be provided on criminal or aggravated felon status, including any medical/mental problems, security risks, etc.
- If there are medical/mental problems or medications, either the JPATS Form USM-553 or an I-794 (In-Processing Health Screening Form) must accompany the I-216 as an attachment.
- Security concerns must be outlined in detail on a separate page and be attached to the I-216.
- If there is any question about whether a resident is a juvenile, a copy of the age verification documentation must be attached.

No other forms are acceptable for recording the persons and property transferred.

If a facility in the receiving jurisdiction requires that its medical unit review medical histories prior to acceptance, a method of providing that information to the facility must be arranged between the two Field Offices.

# b. Receiving Office Confirms Acceptance of the Case

The receiving Field Office shall review the I-216 to insure each case is consistent with what was previously discussed and e-mailed. If there are any issues that were not previously relayed to the receiving Field Office, the receiving Field Office shall notify the sending Field Office that it may decline the transfer unless those issues are resolved.

Once the receiving Field Office has finally accepted the transfer, the sending Field Office shall provide via telephone or e-mail a mutually agreeable estimated time of arrival.

The sending Field Office may not substitute any resident on the I-216 without prior approval of the receiving Field Office.

# 4. Preparation and Transfer of Records

Sending facility staff shall complete the attached **Resident Transfer Checklist** to insure all procedures are completed.

- The sending facility staff shall place a copy of the Checklist in the resident's A file or work folder.
- The records must accompany the resident to the receiving facility.
- If any procedure cannot be completed prior to transfer, the resident may be transferred only if the authorized receiving Field Office official has expressly waived that procedure, and the sending facility staff shall note any such waivers on the checklist.

## a. Alien File

Prior to transfer, the A file shall be obtained and put in good order:

- Any needed file consolidations shall be done.
- Any necessary file jacket repairs shall be done.
- All documents and forms shall be attached on the proper side of the A file.

If the sending Field Office is unable to obtain the A file, that resident may not be transferred unless the receiving Field Office, before the transfer takes place, accepts a proper work folder that includes, at a minimum:

- Certified copies of convictions,
- Printouts of the Central Index System (CIS), Deportable Alien Control System (DACS), and the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database,
- Copies of the EOIR's record of proceedings, and
- New photographs and fingerprints.

If applicable, copies of the following should also be included:

- Non-Immigrant Information System (NIIS),
- Computer Linked Application Information Management System (CLAIMS),
- National Automated Immigration Lookout System (NAILS),
- Reengineered Naturalization Application Casework System (RNACS),
- Refugee Asylum Processing System (RAPS), and
- Any other documents requested by the receiving Field Office which can be reasonably obtained.

The A file or proper work folder shall include copies of the following, properly executed, documents, and fastened to the top right side of the file:

- I-216 (appropriate copies of I-77 and G-589 attached)
- USM-553 or local transfer summary form
- Original or photocopy of I-203/203A
- Checklist for Resident Transfer (an attachment to this Residential Standard)
- Age verification documents (if applicable)
- A 3.5" disk with all previous Post Order Custody Reviews (POCRs) and travel document requests in a property envelope fastened to the file.
- Classification Sheet

Ordinarily, the A file or proper work folder must accompany the transfer.

- Under certain circumstances the receiving Field Office may request that the A file or work folder be mailed by overnight express to a particular location.
- If requested, the sending Field Office shall mail it no later than the business day following the transfer.

Any significant delays in the arrival time of the residents or their files should be communicated to the receiving Field Office as soon as possible.

# b. Charging Documents/Record of Proceeding

Before the transfer, all charging documents shall be issued and signed by the individual with signatory authority for the sending Field Office.

If applicable, prior to transfer, all charging documents shall be served on the resident, including, but not limited to:

- Notice to Appear (I-862),
- Warrant of Arrest (I-200),
- Warrant of Removal (I-205),
- Notification of Custody Decision (I-286), and
- Notice of Rights (I-826).

Originals and/or copies shall be included, indicating proper service, in the A file or work folder.

Copies shall be provided the resident, who should be encouraged to keep them on his or her person, unless this would present a security problem.

## c. Fingerprint Cards

The sending Field Office shall take three (plus R-84) sets of fingerprints (Note: Fingerprints are to be taken in accordance with ICE policy):

- The cards shall be signed by both the alien and the official taking the prints.
- The cards shall be completely filled out except for the address block requesting a disposition from the FBI.

- The completed cards shall be left in the A file for the receiving Field Office to fill in the response address block and submit to the FBI and Biometrics Support Center (when appropriate), unless the resident is a Room-and-Board case.
- For a Room-and-Board case, the sending Field Office may submit the prints to the FBI and Biometrics Support Center.
- One fingerprint card should remain in the A file at all times.

## d. Photographs

The sending Field Office shall take four (1 sheet of 4) new, standard booking-size photographs and include any photos not needed for the transfer in the file.

# e. Medical Procedures and Information Required for Transfer

# 1). Notification of Transfers, Releases, and Removals

The facility health care provider shall be notified sufficiently in advance of the transfer that medical staff may determine and provide for any associated medical needs. In particular, the facility health care provider shall ensure that no resident is transferred without a sufficient supply of medication to facilitate the transfer process. Residents shall have available a minimum of three days medication on any transfer between facilities.

# 2). Transfer of Health Records

When a resident is transferred within the Detention Immigration Health Service (DIHS) system:

- A Transfer Summary and the resident's official health records shall accompany the resident.
- The official health records shall be placed in a sealed envelope or other container labeled with the resident's name and A-number and marked "MEDICAL CONFIDENTIAL."
- Non-medical staff is not permitted to read the official health record.

When a resident is transferred to a Residential facility, only the Transfer Summary shall accompany the resident.

# 3). Transfer Summary

# (a). Preparation

The sending facility's medical staff shall prepare a Transfer Summary that must accompany the transferee. Either the USM 553 Form or a facility-specific form may be used, provided it shows:

 TB clearance, including PPD and Chest x-ray results, with the test dates;

- Current mental and physical health status, including all significant health issues;
- Current medications, with specific instructions for medications that must be administered en route; and
- The name and contact information of the transferring medical official.

## (b). Use During Transport

Transportation staff may not transport a resident without the required Transfer Summary, which is essential for resident safety while in transit.

The transferring staff shall review the information for completeness and to ensure he or she has the supplies required to provide any in-transit care that is indicated.

Medical information is on a need-to-know basis.

- Staff who review the transfer summary shall protect the privacy of the resident's medical information to the greatest extent possible.
- Medical information may not be shared with other residents or even with other staff unless it is needed to fulfill transportation responsibilities safely.

The section on Confidentiality and Release of Medical Records in the Residential Standard on Medical Care provides additional detail.

The transferring staff is responsible for delivering the Transfer Summary materials to medical personnel at the receiving facility.

# 4). Medical/Psychiatric Alert

Medical staff shall notify the facility administrator when they determine that a resident's medical or psychiatric condition requires:

- (a). Clearance by the medical staff prior to transfer, or
- (b). Medical escort during transfer.

## 5). Medications

Prior to transfer, medical personnel shall provide the transporting staff instructions and, if applicable, medication(s) for the resident's care in transit.

Medications shall:

- (a). Be placed in a property envelope with the resident's name and A number on it.
- (b). Accompany the transfer, and
- (c). If unused, be turned over to a staff at the receiving Field Office.

## f. Other Transfer Paperwork

A properly executed I-203/I-203A, G-391 and I-216 shall accompany the transfer.

The I-203 shall:

- 1) Include the resident's Residential category,
- 2) Indicate if the resident has a history of violence at the family facility, is an escape risk or has special medical problems that may require attention during the transfer.
- 3) Be annotated if the resident is on prescription medication.
- 4) Indicate the time of arrival as estimated by the sending Field Office.

The receiving Field Office may request that copies of the I-203/I-203A be faxed directly from the sending Field Office to the receiving facility.

# g. G-391, "Official Detail"

A resident may not be removed from any facility, including Field Office Residential areas, without a Form G-391 that authorizes the movement.

- 1) The G-391 must be properly signed and shall clearly indicate the name of the resident(s), the place or places to be escorted, the purpose of the trip and other information necessary to efficiently carry out the detail.
- 2) Facilities may use a local form as long as the form provides the required information.

The Supervisory Immigration Enforcement Agent (SIEA) or Detention Operations Supervisor (DOS) shall check records and ascertain if the alien has a criminal history, is dangerous, or has an escape record or medical condition. Any information of an adverse nature shall be clearly indicated on the G-391, and the escorting staff shall be warned to institute the necessary precautions.

Before beginning the detail, the escort and transportation staff shall read their instructions and clearly understand the purpose for which the resident is being removed from the facility. The staff shall also discuss emergency and alternate plans with the SIEA and/or DOS beforehand.

All completed G-391s shall be filed in order by month and the forms for the previous month shall be readily available for review. All G-391s shall be retained for at least three years.

## h. Room-and-Board Cases

Unless the receiving and sending Field Offices agree to reduced or modify documentation requirements for a Room-and-Board Case accepted for short-term staging only, a complete work folder shall accompany or be sent in advance, including:

- 1) Items listed above under Alien File, attached to the right side of the folder.
- 2) 4 new photographs,
- 3) 3 fingerprints cards (plus R-84)

- 4) Entire record of proceeding with all pertinent case documentation.
- 5) Interviews by the receiving Field Office under the Post Order Custody Review (POCR) process on a computer disk attached to the file.

## 5. Property

# a. Funds and Small Valuables

Before transfer the sending facility shall return all funds and small valuables to the resident and close out all forms G-589 (or local facility funds and valuables receipts) in accordance with the Residential Standard on Funds and Personal Property.

During transport, residents shall ordinarily have the following items in his or her possession; however, items that might present a security risk or are particularly bulky may be transported separately in the vehicle's storage area.

- Cash
- All legal material
- Small valuables such as jewelry
- Address books, phone lists, correspondence
- Dentures, prescription glasses
- Small religious items
- Photos
- Similar small personal property items.

The receiving facility shall create a new G-589 (or local facility funds and valuables receipt) during admissions in-processing in accordance with the Residential Standard on Funds and Personal Property.

# b. Large Valuables, Excess Luggage, and Other Bulky Items

Resident access to large items of personal property during transport is prohibited; however, ordinarily, all items stored at the sending facility shall accompany the transferee to the receiving facility.

If the property accompanies the resident, in accordance with the Residential Standard on Funds and Personal Property:

- The sending facility shall close out all forms G-589 (or local FACILITY property receipt forms), and
- The receiving facility shall create a new G-589 and I-77 (or local FACILITY property receipt forms) during admissions in-processing.

If the facility does not accept excess, oversized, or bulky belongings (including, but not limited to, suitcases, cartons, televisions, etc.), the sending facility shall:

3) Arrange to store the property elsewhere, or

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4) Process the excess property in accordance with the Residential Standard on Funds and Personal Property. Under those procedures, the facility may send excess property to an address of the resident's choosing; however, the resident may not be asked for that address information until he or she has been notified of the impending transfer. The sending facility shall make shipping arrangements and, if the resident cannot afford postage, pay for shipping.

- a) If the resident refuses to provide an appropriate mailing address, or is financially able but unwilling to pay for shipping, the facility administrator may dispose of the property, after providing the resident written notice, in accordance with the Residential Standard on Contraband.
- b) If the resident's cannot provide an appropriate address because one does not exist:
  - (1). The transferee shall keep the property receipts for the stored items, and
  - (2). The facility shall store the property and notify the receiving facility, in writing, that it requires notice before the resident's release or transfer to ensure the resident receives the stored property.

#### 6. Miscellaneous

## a. Resident Phone Calls

Upon arrival at the final transfer destination, an indigent resident shall be permitted a minimum of one domestic phone call at the Government's expense, ordinarily using a PCS Emergency Card or government phone line. Where a PCS Emergency card is not available, the Field Office shall make arrangements for such phone calls.

Non-indigent residents may make phone calls at their own expense in accordance with the Residential Standard on **Telephone Access**.

#### b. DACS

The sending Field Office shall:

- Ensure that all screens in DACS are completely updated and accurate, and
- Immediately make the appropriate database transfers (DACS/DETS/CIS).

Once the resident reaches his or her destination, the receiving Field Office "accepts" the transfer.

## c. Food Service During Transfer

Food shall be provided in accordance with the Residential Standard on **Transportation (By Land)**. The sending Field Office or facility is responsible for the preparation and delivery of proper meals prior to departure.

# 7. Accountability for Documentation When Resident Is Transported

To ensure that the facility that is to receive a resident also receives the files and other documentation required herein, the Residential Standard on **Transportation (By Land)** prohibits the transportation of a resident without that documentation.

- a. Transportation staff may not accept a resident without the required documents.
- b. The receiving facility *may* refuse to accept a resident without the required documents.
- c. The receiving facility *must* report any exceptions to the Field Office and the Deputy Assistant Director, Detention Management Division.

# Standard Approved:

John P. Forres

Director

Office of Detention and Removal

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**Date** 

# DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

# **RESIDENT TRANSFER NOTIFICATION**

RESIDENT NAME			A#	
NATIONALITY				
	TRANSFER DESTINA	TION		
NAME OF NEW FACILITY_				
ADDRESS				
				<u> </u>
TELEPHONE NUMBER				
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RESIDENT SIGNATURE_		A#	DATE	
STAFF SIGNATURE			DATE	
Transfer of Residents	Transfer Notification			DRAFT

# **CHECKLIST FOR RESIDENT TRANSFER**

Name	8	A-Number
Resident transferred from	to	on
	Office 3-Letter Codes	Date
Resident's attorney notified	d	
Resident's Transfer Notific		
I-216 faxed to receiving dis		
USM-553 or local transfer s	summary attached	
Age verification documents		
POCR / Security risk attach	ment	
☐ A File ☐ Work Folder		
The following items have been attac	hed to the right side of the fil	e:
i-216		
I-77		
G-589		
USM-553 or local transfer s	ummary tom	
Photocopy of I-203/I203A Property form		
Age verification document		
1-259 and/or manifest		
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Transfer of Residents.		

# ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

## CONTRABAND

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Contraband is identified, detected, controlled and properly disposed, thereby protecting residents and staff and enhancing facility security and good order.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Contraband will be identified, detected, controlled, and disposed of properly.
  - 2. Resident personal property that would be considered contraband within the facility will be mailed to a third party or stored until the resident's release, unless that property is illegal or a threat to safety or security
  - 3. Contraband that may be evidence in connection with a violation of a criminal statute will be preserved, inventoried, controlled, and stored so as to maintain and document the chain of custody.
  - 4. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 5. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

## **III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED: None**

## IV. REFERENCES

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association 4th Edition Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities: 2C-01, 2C-02, 2C-06.

## V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

- 1. "Hard" and "Soft" Contraband: "Contraband is anything residents are not authorized to have in their possession.
  - a. Hard contraband includes any item that:
    - 1) Is inherently dangerous, including but not limited to weapons (b)(7)(e)

- Is a tool or device that could be used to escape (rope, bolt cutters, keys, etc.)
- Could otherwise interfere with security, safety, or the good order of facility operations (intoxicants, prohibited currency, sensitive or confidential facility documents, etc)
- 4) Is a narcotic and/or other controlled substances not dispensed or approved by the medical department, not used as prescribed, or in the possession of a resident other than for whom it was prescribed. Staff shall consult the facility pharmacist or other health services staff when uncertain about whether a prescribed medication represents contraband. Medicine the resident brings into the facility upon arrival shall be forwarded to the facility medical staff for disposition.

# A resident found in possession of hard contraband could face corrective action or criminal prosecution.

b. Soft contraband includes "nuisance" items that do not pose a direct and immediate threat to safety but has the potential to create dangerous or unsanitary conditions in the facility, such as excess papers that create a fire hazard, inappropriate written materials, food items that are spoiled or retained beyond the point of safe consumption, etc.

# 2. Procedures for Handling Contraband

All facilities shall have written policy and procedures for the handling of contraband.

- a. Seizure of Contraband. Staff shall seize contraband:
  - 1) Found in the physical possession or living area of a resident including that of a resident awaiting voluntary return.
  - 2) From common areas,
  - 3) From incoming or outgoing mail,
  - 4) Discovered during admission in-processing,

Exceptions may occur only upon written authorization of the facility administrator.

- b. Religious Items. The facility administrator shall ordinarily consult a religious authority before the confiscation of a religious item that is "soft" contraband.
- c. Disputed Ownership. When a resident's claimed ownership of potential contraband material is in question, staff shall:
  - 1) Inventory and store item pending verification of ownership;
  - 2) Provide the resident a copy of the inventory as soon as practicable and place a second copy in the resident's Residential file. The resident shall have seven days following receipt of the inventory to verify ownership of the listed items.

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- 3) Staff shall deny claims:
  - a) Arising from the unauthorized use of government property.
  - b) For any item acquired without authorization from another resident.

If the resident cannot establish ownership, staff shall attempt to resolve the situation, but if ownership cannot be reasonably established, the property may be destroyed, as described below.

- 3. Resident Property That Is Contraband. Staff shall seize any soft contraband and/or hard contraband. As long as the contraband is not illegal under criminal statutes and would not otherwise pose a threat to security, staff shall inventory and receipt the property and mail to a third party, or store with the resident's other stored personal property, in accordance with the Residential Standard on "Funds and Personal Property." If the resident chooses not to provide an appropriate mailing address, or is financially able but unwilling to pay the postage, the facility administrator after providing the resident with written notice of the intent to destroy the property and how to prevent that outcome may dispose of the property in accordance with Destruction of Contraband below.
- 4. Evidence of a Crime. Contraband that may be evidence in connection with a violation of a criminal statute shall be preserved, inventoried, controlled, and stored so as to maintain and document the chain of custody and reported to the appropriate law enforcement authority for action and possible seizure. Many types of hard contraband are illegal under 18 U.S.C. Section 1791.
- 5. Government Property. Contraband that is government property shall be retained as evidence for possible corrective action or criminal prosecution, after which, as is appropriate, it may be:
  - a. Returned to the issuing authority,
  - b. Returned to normal stock for reuse, or
  - c. Destroyed, with approval of the facility administrator.

### 6. Destruction of Contraband

Hard contraband may be destroyed when no longer needed for corrective action or criminal prosecution. It may also be kept for official use (for example, as a training tool) if secured in a designated secure room when not in use. The facility administrator shall establish a procedure for the destruction of contraband items.

Procedures shall include at a minimum:

- a. The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations, or equivalent, determines whether an item shall be destroyed.
- b. The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations sends the facility administrator a memorandum through official channels, describing what is to be destroyed and why.
- c. The facility administrator generally holds an item of questionable ownership for 120 days before considering its destruction, to afford the resident ample opportunity to obtain verification of ownership and/or appeal the decision in

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accordance with the Residential Standard on "Grievance Procedures."

Where disciplinary action is appropriate, the facility administrator shall defer his/her decision about the property until the disciplinary case, including appeals, is resolved.

- d. The staff member who physically destroys the property and at least one official observer shall attest, in writing, to having witnessed the property's destroyed
- e. A copy of the property disposal record is placed in the resident's Residential file. Records of property disposal shall remain on file for at least two years to ensure its availability for any subsequent investigation of a tort claim.

## 7. Canine Units

While canine units maybe used for contraband detection with the written approval of JFRMU, canine units will not be maintained at or near the facility. A canine search will never be conducted in the presence of residents. Their use for force, control, or intimidation of residents is prohibited.

## 8. Notice to Residents

The resident handbook, or equivalent, shall notify residents of the following:

- a. The facility's rules and procedures governing contraband.
- b. The applicability of the Residential Standard on Funds and Personal Property, as it relates to contraband.

**Standard Approved:** 

John P. Torres Director

Office of Detention and Removal

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Date

# ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

## DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOR MANAGEMNT

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE: Facility standards of conduct and enforcement of those standards are expected in order to provide a safe and orderly living environment. Facility authorities will manage discipline and behavioral problems in a manner that ensures the safety and welfare of staff, residents, and visitors.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES: The expected outcomes of this Standard are:
  - 1. Residents will be informed of facility rules and regulations, prohibited acts, disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed, and the procedure for appealing disciplinary findings.
  - 2. Each facility will have graduated severity scales of prohibited acts and disciplinary consequences.
  - 3. Where permitted by facility policy, staff will informally settle minor transgressions by mutual consent, whenever possible.
  - 4. Staff who witness a prohibited act that cannot or should not be resolved informally, or have reason to suspect one, will prepare a clear, concise, and complete incident Report.
  - 5. Each Incident Report will be objectively and impartially investigated by a person of supervisory rank.
  - 6. When appropriate, a serious incident that may constitute a criminal act will be referred to the proper investigative agency, and the administrative investigation will be suspended, pending the outcome of that referral.
  - 7. At each step of the disciplinary process, the detainee will be advised of his or her rights.
  - 8. A Management Review Committee (MRC) will further investigate and adjudicate the incident and may impose minor sanctions or refer the matter to a higher level disciplinary panel.
  - A three-member Executive Review Panel (ERP) will conduct formal hearings on Incident Reports referred from an MRC and may impose higher level sanctions for "Greatest" and "High" level prohibited acts.
  - 10. Detainees appearing before the ERP will be afforded a staff representative, upon request, or automatically if the detainee is illiterate, has limited English language skills, or otherwise needs special assistance.
  - 11. Actions of the ERP will be reviewed by the facility administrator, who may concur with the findings and conclusions or may modify them.
  - 12. At all steps and levels in the disciplinary process, any sanctions imposed will be commensurate with the severity of the committed prohibited act and intended to encourage the detainee to comply with the rules and regulations.

- 13. All steps of the disciplinary process will be done within the required time limits.
- 14. At all steps of the disciplinary process, accurate and complete records will be maintained, and the detainee will receive the copies to which he or she is entitled.
- 15. If a resident is found not guilty at any stage of the disciplinary process, the incident records will not be included in the detainee's file (even if they are retained elsewhere for statistical or historical purposes).
- 16. Residents will be able to appeal disciplinary decisions through a formal grievance process.
- 17. Residents do not receive any discipline or punishment that is considered to be harsh, cruel, unusual, unnecessary, demeaning, or humiliating.
- 18. Residents under age 12 will not be referred for disciplinary review.
- 19. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
- 20. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

## III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED: None

## IV. REFERENCES:

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association, 4th Edition, Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-3A-01, 3A-02, 6C-01 through 6C-19.

Pennsylvania Welfare Code Chapter 3800: Child Residential and Day Treatment Facilities.

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services: Minimum Standards for General Operations and Residential Treatment Centers

## V. APPLICABILITY:

The standards provided in this Standard shall apply to all ICE Family Residential Centers.

See the separate "Definitions" Standard for the meaning of certain terms used in this document.

## VI. EXPECTED PRACTICES:

Care providers shall implement a disciplinary and behavioral management program that meets adult and child welfare best practice standards. Behavioral management strategies shall be based on a system of privileges and shall not be punitive in nature.

Care providers shall have written policies and procedures regarding the disciplinary and behavioral modification program used at the facility. All staff shall be trained in effective behavioral modification techniques. The behavioral management system shall be implemented uniformly and explained to an arriving resident in a language that he or she understands. Each family shall receive a copy of the disciplinary and behavioral management system in writing during intake.

Behavior management shall be positive in its development, implementation and outcome. Behavioral management strategies shall include staff-child interactions that are proactive and not reactive in nature. Non-restraining procedures (such as verbal interventions, loss of privileges and time out) should always be the first methods of management for minors. Mechanisms shall be developed to reinforce positive behaviors that include parental intervention, whenever possible. Clinicians shall assist in identifying the causes of the minor's negative behavior in order to develop appropriate treatment and staff intervention plans. These causes may include trauma, neglect, poor modeling or socialization, poor attachments, attention seeking and learned helplessness. Staff shall discuss with minors and their parents ways to meet behavioral needs in a productive way, when possible, as well as ways to address causes to assist in appropriate behavior.

The behavioral modification program shall include rules for the program, rewards and consequences, a list of minor and major behavioral infractions and systemic feedback from staff to each resident, with particular attention to the needs of minors.

Care providers shall have written rules that specify acts prohibited while residing at the program and consequences that may be imposed for various degrees of violation. The written rules shall be posted in a common area, reviewed at least annually and updated when necessary. The rules must be written in a way that is easily understandable by residents and their minor children and should be provided in the languages of the majority of residents in the facility. When a literacy or language problem prevents a resident from understanding the written rules, a staff member or interpreter shall assist the resident in understanding them. Care providers shall ensure that the standards for rules and discipline are formulated with consideration of the range of ages and maturity and are culturally sensitive to the needs of residents in federal custody.

#### 1. Guidelines

Each residential facility holding ICE detainees, who are part of a defined family unit in custody, will have a Behavioral Management Program that includes access to an administrative disciplinary process. This program shall have progressive levels of reviews, appeals, procedures, and documentation procedures. The relevant policy and procedures shall clearly define resident rights and responsibilities.

- a. The following procedure outlines the recommended requirements for disciplinary measures with regards to the discipline of minors:
  - 1) Only a caregiver known to and knowledgeable of a child may

- discipline the child.
- 2) All disciplinary actions recommended and taken must be explained to the parent of the affected minor.
- 3) Each disciplinary measure must:
  - a) Be consistent with established policies and procedures;
  - b) Not be physically or emotionally damaging to the child;
  - c) Be individualized to meet each child's needs;
  - d) Be appropriate to the child's level of understanding, age, and developmental level; and
  - e) Be appropriate to the incident and severity of the behavior demonstrated.
  - f) The goal of each disciplinary measure is to teach the child acceptable behavior and self-control. The caregiver must explain the reason for the disciplinary measure when the caregiver imposes the measure.
- b. Administrative action may not be capricious or retaliatory.
  - Corporal punishment, or the threat of corporal punishment, may never be used on a child. Corporal punishment is the infliction of punishment on any part of a child's body as a means of controlling or managing the child's behavior. It includes:
    - a) Hitting or spanking a child with a hand or instrument; or
    - b) Forcing or requiring the child to do any of the following as a method of managing or controlling behavior:
      - i. Perform any form of physical exercise, such as running laps or doing sit-ups or push-ups;
      - ii. Hold a physical position, such as kneeling or squatting; or
      - iii. Do any form of "unproductive work." "Unproductive work" is work that serves no purpose except to demean the resident.
        - Examples include moving rocks or logs from one pile to another or digging a hole and then filling it in. Unproductive work is never an appropriate behavior management tool.
        - 2) "Unproductive work" does not include work that corrects damage that the resident's behavior caused. For example, a child who intentionally defaces a fence or wall may be required to paint that portion defaced. A logical consequence as a behavioral management tool is acceptable.

- c. Minor residents under the age of 12 may not be subjected to administrative review. Parents whose children exhibit hostile or antisocial behavior will be referred to the MRC for review.
- d. Minor residents 12 and older will not be presented for administrative review without notification being made to their parents(s), and shall only be submitted for administrative review after all other efforts to include counseling have been conducted. If after attempting an informal resolution, the minor remains disruptive and continues to fail to follow established facility rules, the minor and parent(s) shall be referred for administrative review.
- e. In addition, the following actions are prohibited as punishments involving a minor of any age:
  - 1) Any harsh, cruel, unusual, unnecessary, demeaning, or humiliating discipline or punishment
  - 2) Denial of mail or visits with their families as discipline or punishment
  - 3) Threatening with the loss of placement as discipline or punishment;
  - Using sarcastic or cruel humor, and verbal abuse;
  - 5) Maintaining an uncomfortable physical position, such as kneeling or holding the arms out;
  - 6) Pinching, pulling hair, biting, or shaking a child;
  - Putting anything in or on a child's mouth, such as soap or tape;
  - 8) Humiliating, shaming, ridiculing, rejecting, or yelling at a child;
  - 9) Subjecting a child to abusive or profane language;
  - 10) Placing a child in a dark room, bathroom, or closet;
  - 11) Requiring a child to remain silent or inactive for inappropriately long periods of time for the child's age;
  - 12)Confining a child to a highchair, box, or other similar furniture or equipment as discipline or punishment;
  - 13) Denying basic child rights as discipline or punishment;
  - 14) Withholding food that meets the child's nutritional requirements; and;
  - 15) Using or threatening to use emergency behavior intervention as discipline or punishment.
  - 16) Seclusion, defined as placing a child in a locked room, is prohibited. A locked room includes a room with any type of door-locking device, such as a key lock, spring lock, bolt lock, foot pressure lock or physically holding the door shut.

Staff may not impose or allow imposition of the following sanctions for a resident, adult or minor, at a family residential center: corporal punishment; deviations from normal food services; deprivation of clothing, bedding, or items of personal hygiene; deprivation of correspondence, telephone, or visitation privileges; deprivation of physical exercise or access to recreation, deprivation of school or education. No punishment shall require confinement in any locked room or space.

- f. The facility shall not hold a resident accountable for his/her conduct if a medical authority finds him/her mentally incompetent.
- g. The resident handbook or equivalent, issued to each resident upon admittance, shall provide notice of the facility's rules of conduct, and of the sanctions imposed for violations of the rules. Among other things, the handbook shall advise residents of the following:
  - The right to protection from personal abuse, corporal punishment, unnecessary or excessive use of force, personal injury, disease, property damage, and harassment;
  - 2) The right of freedom from discrimination based on race, religion, national origin, sex, handicap, or political beliefs;
  - 3) The right to pursue a grievance in accordance with written procedures (provided in the handbook);
  - 4) The right to correspond with persons or organizations, consistent with safety, security, and the orderly operation of the facility; and
  - 5) The right to due process, including the prompt resolution of an administrative disciplinary matter (in accordance with the rules, procedures, and sanctions provided in the handbook).
  - 6) Copies of the rules of conduct and administrative sanctions will be posted in English, Spanish, and/or other languages spoken by significant numbers of residents, as follows:
    - a) Disciplinary Severity Scale
    - b) Prohibited Acts
    - c) Sanctions

## 2. Incident Reports

Officers who witness a prohibited act or have reason to suspect one has been committed shall prepare and submit an incident report. All incident reports must state the facts clearly concisely, and completely. Reports also will identify the officer(s), the resident(s), and all who are witness to the incident.

ICE review approval is required for the incident-report forms used in family residential centers.

It is expected that minor rules violations will be settled informally by mutual consent, whenever possible. If, however, the officer involved believes informal resolution is inappropriate or unachievable, he/she shall prepare an Incident Report and Notice of

Violations and forward it to the appropriate supervisor before the end of the assigned shift.

The incident report shall cite the relevant rule or standard without quoting it in its entirety. For example, for destruction of government property, the report would cite, briefly, "Code 218—Destroying Government Property."

If the officer observes anything unusual in the resident's behavior or demeanor, he/she shall so note in the report. The reporting officer shall also list all staff, contract officers or resident witnesses to the incident, and the disposition of any physical evidence (contraband, property, etc.) relating to the incident. The reporting officer will sign the report and include title, date and time the report was signed. The shift supervisor shall review all incident reports before going off duty.

## 3. Investigations

All incident reports shall be investigated within 24 hours of the incident.

The investigating staff member must be a supervisor or higher and shall have had no prior involvement in the incident, either as a witness or an officer at the scene. No incident shall be investigated by line staff. All incidents require a minimum of a supervisory investigation and review. If the facility has a designated investigator, the incident may be investigated by that staff member. The position of investigator may not be a designated position for the purposes of circumventing this standard and must be a full-time trained employee. Minors may not be questioned outside the presence of a parent unless the incident is between the parent and child. Any allegation involving a criminal offense will be immediately referred to the appropriate law enforcement authority and no interviews shall be conducted

## The investigating Staff Member shall:

Commence the investigation within 24 hours of receipt of the incident report.

- a. Advise the resident of the right to remain silent at each stage of the administrative process, and ensure he/she has a complete listing of resident rights.
- b. Advise the resident that silence may not be used to support a finding against the resident.
- c. Provide the resident(s) with a copy of the incident report/notice of charges at least 24 hours before the start of administrative proceedings.
- d. Advise the resident of his/her right, if applicable, to an initial hearing before the Management Review Committee (MRC) within 24 hours of his/her notification of charges.
- e. Terminate the investigation if the incident is under investigation elsewhere, e.g., on criminal grounds, unless and until the agency with primary jurisdiction concludes its investigation or indicates that it will not pursue the matter.
- f. Record personal observances and other potentially material information.
- g. Prepare a factual report of the investigation, including the location or disposition of any physical evidence.
  - 1) Forward to the MRC all reports relevant to the disciplinary hearing.

NOTE: policy expressly prohibits providing a copy of any such report(s) to the resident at this stage of the disciplinary process.

## Management Review Committee (MRC)

All facilities shall establish an intermediate level of investigation/adjudication to adjudicate low or moderate rules infractions. They shall also ensure that the resident is afforded all the rights listed under "Resident Rights in MRC Proceedings," as provided below.

The MRC conducting an administrative review of rules infractions shall be composed of (b)(7)(e) members. For minor rules infractions, the committee shall consist of (b)(7)e with a minimum

rank of Captain.

The MRC shall not include the reporting officer, the investigating officer, or an officer who witnessed or was directly involved in the incident. Only if virtually every available officer witnessed or was directly involved in the incident shall an exception to this rule occur.

The MRC will conduct hearings and, to the extent possible, informally resolve cases involving low to moderate level offenses, in accordance with the list of charges and related sanctions. Unresolved cases and cases involving serious charges are forwarded to the Executive Review Panel (ERP).

# The MRC shall have authority to:

- a. Conduct hearings and informally resolve incidents involving low or moderate violations.
- b. Consider written reports, statements, and physical evidence.
- c. Hear pleadings on the part of the resident.
- d. Make findings that a resident did or did not commit the rule violation(s) or prohibited act(s) as charged, based on the preponderance of evidence.
- e. Impose minor sanctions in accordance with the table of prohibited acts and associated sanctions.

# The resident in MRC proceedings shall have the right to:

- a. An MRC hearing within 24 hours of the end of the investigation
- b. Attend the hearing (excluding committee deliberations) unless security considerations prevent the resident's attendance. In this instance, the committee must document the security considerations.
- c. Present statements and evidence in his/her own behalf.
- d. Appeal the committee's determination through the resident appeal process.

#### The MRC shall:

a. Advise the resident of above-listed rights and procedures before the hearing.

- b. Refer to the ERP any incident involving a serious violation. This includes code violations in the "Moderate" or categories (100s and 200s).
- c. Serve the resident with:
  - 1) A copy of the MRC decision and sanctions imposed; or
  - 2) Written notification of charges and hearing before the ERP.
- d. If the resident's case is being referred to the ERP, advise the resident, in writing, of:
  - 1) The opportunity to call witnesses and present evidence before the ERP; and
  - 2) The opportunity to a have a staff representative assist him or her before the ERP.

## 4. Staff Representation

The Facility Administrator (FA) or designee shall, upon the resident's request, assign a staff representative to help prepare a defense. This help will be automatically provided for illiterate residents, residents with limited English-language skills, and residents without means of collecting and presenting essential evidence.

- a. A staff representative must be a full-time employee.
- b. Because of the potential conflict of interest, the FA, members of the ERP and of the MRC initially involved in the case, eyewitnesses, the reporting and investigating officers, and anyone else with a stake in the outcome shall not act as staff representative.
- c. The resident may select his/her staff representative, barring anyone identified in 4b, above.
- d. The ERP shall arrange for the presence of the staff representative selected by the resident. If that staff member declines or is unavailable, the resident has three choices. He/she may select a different representative; wait for the unavailable staff member to become available (within a reasonable period); or proceed without a staff representative.
- e. A staff member declining to serve as a resident's representative must state the reason on the staff representative form.
- f. If several staff members decline, the FA shall assign a staff member to serve as that resident's staff representative.
- g. The staff representative shall be free to speak to witnesses and to present evidence on the resident's behalf, including any mitigating circumstances.
- h. The ERP shall allow the staff representative enough time to speak with the resident and interview witnesses. The standard pre-hearing preparation time will suit most cases. However, the ERP may grant a postponement if required to prepare an adequate defense.

- i. The ERP shall consider the reliability of information provided by a (b)(7)(e) before considering it in the disciplinary proceedings.
- j. The ERP may withhold the (b)(7)(e) identity from the staff representative. While the staff representative may challenge the substance of any (b)(7)(e) information the ERP discloses, he/she may not question its reliability (pre-established by the ERP).
- k. When the resident cannot effectively present his/her own case, the FA shall appoint a staff representative, even if not requested by the resident.

## 5. Executive Review Panel

All family residential centers housing ICE residents shall have an executive review panel to adjudicate resident incident reports. Residents assigned to residential facilities may not be placed into segregation or lock down housing. Where chronic violations are noted, the ERP may designate placement of a family unit into an orientation and counseling housing unit. The only purpose for placement into this unit is to ensure that all resources are made available for assisting residents to properly conform to facility rules and to ensure the safe and orderly operation of the facility. Placement into an intensive supervision unit is not to be used as punishment and may only be used for the amount of time needed to ensure the proper orientation and counseling of an affected resident or family unit.

## At each center:

a. The ERP will consist of (b)(7)(e) members, including the chairperson.

**b** (b)(7)(e)

The panel shall not include the reporting officer, the investigating officer, a member of the referring MRC, or anyone who witnessed or was directly involved in the incident. Only if virtually every available officer witnessed or was directly involved in the incident shall an exception to this rule occur.

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# The ERP shall have authority to:

- a. Conduct hearings on all charges and allegations referred by the MRP.
- b. Call witnesses to testify.
- c. Consider written reports, statements, physical evidence, and oral testimony.
- d. Hear pleadings by residents and staff representatives.
- e. Make findings that the resident did or did not commit the rule violation(s) or prohibited act(s) as alleged, based on the preponderance of evidence.
- f. Impose sanctions as listed and authorized in each category.

## The ERP shall:

- a. Verify that the resident has been advised of the procedures as identified above.
- b. Advise the resident that he or she may waive the hearing and admit having committed the offense.
- c. Conduct the hearing on the first business day after receiving the ERP referral, unless the resident waives the 24-hour notification provision, requesting an immediate hearing. In cases where a hearing is delayed, the reason(s) must be documented (e.g., a continuing investigation of facts, their unavailability of one or more essential witnesses, etc.) and approved by the OIC.
- d. Prepare a written record of its proceedings. This record must show that the resident was advised of his/her rights. It must also document the evidence considered by the Panel and subsequent findings; the decision and sanctions imposed, along with a brief explanation.
- e. Forward the entire record to the FA, who may (a) concur; (b) terminate the proceedings; or (c) impose stiffer or lesser sanctions.
- f. Serve the resident with written notification of the decision.

# 6. Postponement of Disciplinary Proceedings

All facilities shall permit hearing postponements or continuances under certain circumstances.

Circumstances justifying postponement or continuance of a hearing might include: defense preparation, physical or mental illness, security, escape, disciplinary transfer, deportation, or pending criminal prosecution.

An uncooperative resident may also cause a delay in the proceedings, either because of inappropriate behavior during the hearing process or a refusal to participate in a productive manner.

## 7. Duration of Penalties

The duration of penalties shall be within established limits. Neither the panel recommending sanctions nor the FA making the final decision shall impose arbitrary sanctions outside these limits.

- a. Punishments range from the withholding of specified privilege(s) to recommended removal from the residential center and program. <u>Segregation may not be used as a form of penalty in any form at a residential center.</u>
- b. The disciplinary report and accompanying documents are not inserted in the file of a resident who is found not guilty. However, the facility may retain the material in its own files for institutional uses (statistical, historical, etc.).
- c. Best Practice Suggestions for dealing with Minors:

Disciplinary measures should be consistent among caregivers. Using positive methods of discipline and guidance encourage self-esteem, self-control, and self-direction. Positive methods of discipline include the following:

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- Using praise, positive reinforcement, and encouragement of good behavior instead of focusing only on unacceptable behavior;
- 2) Reminding a child of behavior expectations daily by using clear, positive statements;
- 3) Talking with the child about the situation;
- 4) Focusing on the rule to learn and the reason for the rule;
- 5) Focusing on solutions that are respectful, reasonable, and related to the problem behavior, rather than blaming or focusing on consequences;
- 6) Redirecting the child's attention or behavior using positive statements;
- 7) Providing prior notice of possible consequences for inappropriate behaviors:
- 8) Giving the child acceptable choices or alternatives;
- 9) Using brief supervised separation or time away from the group or situation, when appropriate for the child's understanding, age, and development. Best practice suggests that quiet time or time out from the group should be limited to no more than one minute per year of the child's chronological or developmental age. However, this time frame may need to be adjusted for some children, such as a child who has attention-deficit disorder. Time out is not appropriate for infants and is not recommended for toddlers, since they are too young to understand this intervention;
- 10) Arranging the environment to allow safe testing of limits;
- 11)Using kind but firm action;
- 12) Giving logical consequences that are appropriate to the situation and severity of the behavior; and
- 13) Withholding privileges.
- d. Acceptable Corrective Sanctions for Minors:

Sanctions in subparagraphs 1. and 4. (below) may be imposed by the MRP. Sanctions in sub paragraphs 1. through 5. may be imposed by the ERP.

- 1) Referral to Counseling
- 2) Restriction to Housing Area, not to exceed 72 hours
  - a) When a minor resident is restricted to housing, they must be afforded a minimum of one hour of outdoor activity time daily.
  - b) The minor may be restricted to the dayroom area but may not be forced to remain in his/her room except during a time out period.
  - c) No sanction may restrict a minor from attending required school classes or religious practices.

- 3) Minor residents who are 12 years old and older may have their free movement privilege suspended for up to 14 days. Such a suspension would require that the parent supervise all activities for that time period.
- 4) Loss of extracurricular activity time such as movie night.
- 5) Loss of field trip privileges for up to 45 days.

Corrective action may not interfere with such daily functions as eating and sleeping. Disciplinary actions may not adversely impact a child's health, physical or psychological well-being or deny a child regular meals, sufficient sleep, exercise, medical care, the right to correspondence, or legal assistance.

e. Acceptable Corrective Sanctions for Adults:

Sanctions in subparagraphs a. through d. (below) may be imposed by the MRP.

Sanctions in subparagraphs a. through e. may be imposed by the ERP.

- 1) Referral to Counseling
- 2) Require attendance in Parenting Classes
- 3) Additional work details such as:

General housekeeping

- 1) Loss of Commissary
- 2) Restriction to housing Area, not to exceed 72 hours.

Imposition of such a sanction must take into account the ages of minor children and the negative impact this sanction would have on minor's who were not involved in the charged offense.

Sanctions are designed to correct poor behavior and are meant to encourage better behavior within a family residential center. Their use should be limited to those instances where other intervention has been tried and has been unsuccessful.

f. The MRP/ERP do not have the authority to remove any resident from a facility on the basis of a finding of guilty for any offense. The ERP shall recommend removal to the Chief, JFRMU, of any resident who presents an immediate or continuing threat to the good order, safety, and welfare of the facility.

# 8. Disciplinary Severity Scale and Prohibited Acts

All facilities shall have graduated scales of offenses and disciplinary consequences, as provided in this section.

Family residential centers shall adopt, without changing, the offense categories and administrative sanctions set forth in this section.

Prohibited acts are divided into three categories: "Major," "Moderate," and "Low." The sanctions authorized for each category (see table of sanctions, below) will be imposed only if the resident is found to have committed a prohibited act and no other method of behavioral modification has been found to be effective. Due to the nature of the facility as a residential family facility, sanctions should be used as a last resort and only as a means to correct behavior that threatens the safety and welfare of residents, staff, and visitors.

- a. Low offenses: For all "Low" offenses, staff is afforded the opportunity to resolve these incidents through immediate counseling or referral to a counselor for discussion. This is particularly important during the first 30 days of a residents stay and acclamation to the facility. Staff may, at their discretion, also initiate an incident report
- b. Moderate offenses: All moderate offenses are reviewed by the MRP for accuracy and completeness. Once reviewed, the MRP shall concur with the charged offense and refer the matter for review by the ERP, or, the MRP may dismiss or defer the charged offense based on a lack of evidence or the need to obtain additional information.
- c. Major offenses: All "Major' offenses require the immediate notification of the Chief, JFRMU, and the Field Office Director. Where a resident is deemed to be an immediate threat to themselves or others, the resident shall be immediately removed to a secure facility pending a full and complete investigation. Permanent removal of a resident from a residential family facility may only be authorized by the Chief, JFRMU. Such authorization will only be given when it can be established that the continued presence of the resident, minor or adult, would jeopardize the safety and welfare of themselves or others.

## **LOW OFFENSES:**

- 1. (101) Being in an Unauthorized Area Being in an area that is designated through verbal, written, or posted orders as "off limits" to residents.
- 2. (102) Disorderly Conduct Behavior such as loud talking, yelling, or pushing which disrupts the orderly running of the facility.
- 3. (103) Failure of Parent/Legal Guardian to Appropriately Manage Children's Behavior For parents who allow their children to be unruly, disrespectful, or insubordinate while in their presence.
- 4. (104) Failure to Follow Verbal or Posted Rules and/or Regulations Not following specific rules and/or orders which have been designated for the clean, safe, orderly operation of the facility which residents have been told in advance through posting or have been given verbally by an employee of the facility or person who has charge of the resident at the time. This includes not following the procedures established by the facility for taking count.
- 5. (105) Fighting Exchange of words or body contact in anger wherein no injury requiring medical attention occurs, such as horseplay.

- 6. (106) Gambling Operate or act in any game of chance involving betting or waging of goods or other valuables.
- 7. (107) Possession of Gambling Paraphernalia Having in one's control, items for use in operating or acting in any game of chance involving betting and wagering of goods or other valuables.
- 8. (108) Self Mutilation Inflicting injury on one's self, such as cutting on one's own body or tattooing.
- 9. (109) Smoking Smoking tobacco of any form in any area of the facility.
- 10. (110) Unauthorized Receipt or Possession of any Item of Value Receiving or having in one's possession any item of value which has been obtained through false pretenses, threats, or stealing.
- 11. (111) Unexcused Absence from Place of Assignment Being away, without authorization from an appropriate supervisor, from the place of assignment such as housing area, recreation area, health services, etc.
- 12. (112) Use of Vulgar, Abusive, or Obscene Phrases/Language
- 13. (113) Failure to Maintain Personal Hygiene or Personal Hygiene of Child Not having a clean body or clothes.
- 14. (114) Unsanitary and Disorderly Housing Conditions Not keeping a clean, neat living area. The area should be kept in a manner so that all possessions are stored in an organized manner in areas designated for such. The area should be free from dirt and clutter.
- 15. (115) Possession of Non-Dangerous Contraband (Soft Contraband) Possession of contraband items that are not allowed at the facility but are not capable of causing serious injury or harm to self or others, including tobacco products.
- 16. (116)Unauthorized Use of Telephone Using the telephone during unauthorized times.
- 17. (201) Refusal to Submit to a Reasonable Suspicion Drug Test Not providing a urine sample for use in reasonable suspicion drug testing.

## **MODERATE OFFENSES:**

- 1. (202) Positive Reasonable Suspicion Drug Test Testing positive for an illegal drug or un-prescribed controlled substance.
- 2. (203) Theft Unauthorized taking of something that belongs to someone else.
- 3. (204) Destruction, Alteration, or Damage to Property (Under \$1,000.00) Destroying, changing or hurting property of the facility or any other person.
- 4. (205) Forgery or Unauthorized Reproductions of Documents or Articles (Excluding Money) Counterfeiting, forging, or reproducing

without approval, any document, article, identification, or security documents.

- 5. (206) Hindering an Employee in the Performance of Their Duties Acting in such a way to interrupt an employee during their work time such as causing delays or giving false information.
- 6. (207) Refusal to Submit to a Reasonable Suspicion Search.
- 7. (208) Child Neglect Failure to give care and proper attention to a child (Non-Injury)
- 8. (209) Verbal Sexual Harassment of a Resident. Acting in such a manner as to create a hostile residential environment for other residents regardless of age or gender.

# MAJOR OFFENSES: Suspicion of any of the following offenses requires immediate notification of ICE and separation form the general population.

- 1. (301) Arson Starting or causing to be started a fire which could or does cause damage to person(s) or property.
- 2. (302) Assault/Battery A non-sexually related attack upon the body of another person with the intention of harming or causing serious injury.
- 3. (303) Rape Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and contact between the penis and the vagina or the penis and the anus including penetration, however slight; or contact between the mouth and the penis, vagina, or anus; or penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person by a hand, finger, or other object (i.e. penetration or oral sodomy).
- 4. (303) Sexual Assault Abusive contact of any person without his or her consent for the purpose of sexual gratification or arousal or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and intentional touching, either directly or indirectly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh or buttocks of any person. Sexual assault excludes incidents involving penetration or oral sodomy.
- 5. (304) Attempt/Conspiracy to Commit a Major Offense An offense for residents who do not actually commit the offense but participate in one (1) or more of the following ways:
  - a. (304a) Attempts to commit the major offense;
  - b. (304b) Solicits another or others to commit the major offense;
  - c. (304c) Conspires with another or others to commit the major offense; and/or
  - d. (304d) Facilitates the action of another or others in committing the major offense.
- 6. (305) Child Abuse Treating a child cruelly, roughly, wrongly, improperly, or in an insulting manner.

- 7. (306) Child Neglect Failure to give care and proper attention to a child resulting in endangerment or injury to a child.
- 8. (307) Confirmed STG Affiliation/Activity Affiliated or participating in a gang-related activity.
- 9. (308) Counterfeiting, Forgery, or Unauthorized Reproduction of Money
- 10. (309) Death of Any Person Any act of which the end result is the death of any person including employees, visitors/volunteers, and/or other residents.
- 11. (310) Destruction, Alteration, or Damage to Property (\$1,000 or more) Destroying, changing or hurting property of the facility or any other person.

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- 13. (312) Escape Leaving the grounds of the facility or from the custody of an employee outside of the facility without permission.
- 14. (313) Insurrection Participation or encouraging another to participate in unauthorized activity such as protesting or rioting.
- 15. (314) Possession of Dangerous Contraband (Hard Contraband) Possession of contraband items that are not allowed at the facility and are capable of causing serious injury or harm to self or others. This includes deadly weapons, items altered to be used as weapons, drugs and drug paraphemalia.
- 16. (315) Sexual Misconduct This includes, but is not limited to, the following acts:
  - a. (315a) Exposing the genitals or buttocks to an employee, visitor/volunteer, or resident for the purpose of sexual gratification or arousal.
  - b. (315b) Masturbation where an employee, visitor/volunteer, or other resident can see the act
- 17. (316) Intimidating or Threatening Another with Harm Telling someone, through actions or words, that harm will come to them.
- 18. (317) Possession of Drugs or Intoxicants Possession of any drugs or intoxicants which have not been prescribed or approved by the health services department for use.
- 19. (318) Violation of any Federal, State, or Local Law Any act, through not specifically listed in this policy, that would be considered either a felony or misdemeanor under federal laws or under the state laws in which the resident is housed.

### 9. Documents

All documents relevant to the incident, subsequent investigation, hearing(s), etc., will be completed and distributed in accordance with facility procedures.

Documents will be prepared and distributed as follows:

### Incident Report/Notice of Charges

The officer shall prepare a report and submit it to the facility supervisor immediately after the incident takes place. If the incident is resolved informally, the officer will so note on the original report, which will then be forwarded to the Chief of Security and a copy forwarded to ICE.

If the MRC is to be involved, the supervisor shall serve the resident with a copy of the Notice of Infractions upon completion of the investigation, no less than 24 hours before the MRC hearing.

The MRC receives the original copy.

If the MRC hears the matter, the ranking member of that committee shall serve the resident with a copy of the Incident Report/Notice of Violations indicating their decision. The MRC, upon conclusion of its proceedings, will forward the entire record to either the Chief of Detention or the ERP, as appropriate.

### **Investigation Report**

Original-submitted to the MRC. Resident does not receive a copy

### **UDC** Report of Findings and Action

Original-served on the resident after the committee issues its findings

Copy-to the resident detention file (guilty finding only)

### **Notice of ERP Hearing**

Original-served on resident

Copy-resident detention file

### Resident Rights at ERP Hearing

Original-served on resident

Copy-facility detention file

### **ERP Report**

Original-resident detention file

Copy-resident

### 10. Confidential Information

When a decision relies on information from (b)(7)e the MRC or ERP shall include in the hearing record the factual basis for finding the information reliable.

### 11. Notice to Residents

The resident handbook shall notify residents of the following:

- a. The facility process for managing and handling rules violations.
- b. The prohibited acts and potential sanctions for prohibited acts:
- c. The procedure for appealing sanctions or adverse administrative findings.

### 12. Family Shelter Facilities

Family Residential Facilities are subject to review under both adult and juvenile care standards. Family Residential Management is unique to ICE and as such no specific monitoring tool exists independently of this standard. The goal of ICE is to ensure family unity during the immigration court process. Given the unique nature of these facilities in that they are less than secure and house only non-delinquent/criminal or non-violent residents, many of the ICE National Detention Standards for adult detention are inappropriate for use at these centers. Each facility must rely on a program that places a continued emphasis on voluntary acceptance of facility rules and general respect between staff and residents. Many sanctions within this program rely heavily on communication and counseling with the end goal remaining family unification.

The continued good order and general security of the facility relies on the residents continued voluntary cooperation within the confines of each facility. The most severe sanction that can be issued is removal from the facility and placement within alternative secure locations. It is the goal of ICE to avoid such sanctions whenever possible.

Standard Approved:

John P. Torres

Director

Office of Detention and Removal

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Date

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# I.C.E. ARTESIA FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CENTER ARTESIA, NM.

# POST ORDER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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# VOLUNTARY WORK PROGRAM



# U. S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement

Artesia Family Residential Center

2015

### AFRC's Resident Voluntary Work Program Agreement Acuerdo de Trabajo Voluntario para Residentes del AFRC

Residents that participate in the volunteer work program will not be required to work in excess of eight (8) hours daily or forty (40) hours weekly.

Los residentes que participen en el programa de trabajadores voluntarios no trabajaran más de 8 horas diarias ni más de 40 horas por semana.

Residents that participate in the volunteer work program are required to work according to an assigned work schedule and to participate in all work-related training. Unexcused absence from work or unsatisfactory work performance could result in removal from the voluntary work program. Residents must adhere to all safety regulations and to all medical and grooming standards associated with the work assignment.

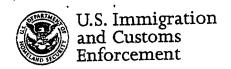
Los residentes que participen en el programa de trabajadores voluntarios deberán trabajar de acuerdo con el horario asignado y participar en todo el entrenamiento necesario. Las faltas injustificadas o trabajo insatisfactorio podrían resultar en terminación del residente del programa. Los residentes deben seguir todos los reglamentos de seguridad y normas de aseo requeridos por el trabajo que desempeñen.

AFRC-FRS-Resident Voluntary Work Program

Dorm Unit & Room No./Dormitorio y No. de Cuarto

Revised 11/14

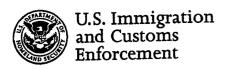
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Enforcement and Removal Operations Artesia Family Residential Center 1300 W. Richey Ave. Artesia, NM 88210

# Resident Work Roster & Pay Sheet FY

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# **Voluntary Work Program Termination Form**

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AFRC-FRS RESIDENT DAILY VISUAL INSPECTION

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## HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES INVENTORY

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# LAUNDRY OFFICER



# U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Artesia Family Residential Center 2014

# **POST ORDERS**





U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement Artesia Family Residential Center, Artesia, NM

### **Specific Post Orders**

### AFRC LAUNDRY OFFICER

### **HOURS OF OPERATION:**

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### **ASSUME POST:**

Prior to assuming any post, the Laundry Officer will review and sign the post orders in the Sign-In-Record. Review the previous log entries, inspect and inventory any equipment assigned to the post, review the informal pass on log, and ask the supervisor about any changes in Post Orders, operating procedures, and other information pertinent to the post.

Complete a physical inspection of the post and general laundry area to identify any potential sanitation, safety or maintenance deficiencies.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Ensure all necessary equipment, washers, dryers are functional.
- Log any equipment discrepancies, notify Supervisory Immigration Enforcement (SIEA) and submit appropriate work order(s).
- Ensure there are sufficient laundry supplies for the day and notify SIEA if supplies are running low.
- Maintain inventory logs of laundry detergent updated.
- Maintain control of laundry supplies and restrict free access to residents.
- Ensure laundry supplies, detergent are kept secure at all times.
- Ensure no laundry supplies leave the laundry area.
- Inspect / check exit doors.
- Ensure the laundry room is maintained in a safe, sanitary and secure condition.
- Log each resident's arrival, movement, and departure in the post log.
- Ensure residents do not deface the equipment, materials, furniture or walls of the laundry.
- Coordinate with Dormitory Lead Officers for the residents to wash clothing according to the Laundry Schedule.
- Coordinate with the Transportation Officer to ensure residents are transported to laundry in a timely manner.
- Coordinate with Short Term Care Officer for the care of children while resident mothers are washing.
- Make frequent and irregular inspections of the laundry area and equipment.

### **RECURRING DUTIES:**



Morning meal turnout in accordance with scheduled meal rotation.

Commence census in accordance with the census policy.

Lunch meal turnout in accordance with scheduled meal rotation.

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Commence census in accordance with the census policy.

Evening meal turnout in accordance with scheduled meal rotation

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Census:

There will be no movement in or out of the laundry area during census.

Exit Doors:

Exit doors will be checked during rounds, a minimum of two times per hour. Annotate in the log book the condition of the 0/(7) exit doors. If any door requires maintenance you

will notify the SIEA immediately.

Unit Cleanup:

Officers will ensure the law library room area and contents are kept clean and sanitized.

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### **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS:**

• If at any time you feel you, other staff members, or residents are in imminent physical danger,

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In the event of an emergency, follow the appropriate emergency procedures and contact the Control Center and the SIEA immediately to advise them of the situation.

 Should an exit door fail after receiving proper authorization to evacuate residents, you will notify the facility Control Center to request assistance and if possible, proceed to another exit.

It is not expected that these post orders will cover every conceivable situation that you may be confronted with while performing your assigned duties. However, you are expected to exercise good judgment in the application of these orders. Any questions or concerns should be directed to your supervisor.

THE POLICY WILL DE DEVIEWED AT LEAST ANNUALLY AND UPDATED AS

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Date

### LAUNDRY SCHEDULE

HOURS OF OPERATION: 08:30 AM-7:00 PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	Dorm 1003	Dorm 1004	Dorm 1005	Dorm 1003	Dorm 1004	Dorm 1005

### LAUNDRY PROCEDURES

- Residents sign up for Laundry services with the Housing Officer using attached sign-in sheet
- Eight residents allowed 2 hour interval (8 sets of washer/dryers available)
- Resident mother (s) drop off children in Day Room
- Women place clothes in washer and proceed to Day Room
- Residents return to/from Laundry and Day Room as necessary to complete washing
- Residents return to Dormitory as soon as washing complete

### LAUNDRY OFFICER

The laundry officer shall maintain an up to date log book, to inventory daily laundry detergent pouch use, with following information:

Date

Beginning Detergent pouch count

Plus/Minus detergent pouches

Resident's Name receiving detergent pouch

Officer's Name

Current detergent pouch count

Officer's signature

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INITIALS:

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dorm 1003	Dorm 1004	Dorm 1005	Dorm 1003	Dorm 1004	Dorm 1005

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# GENERAL POST ORDERS



### **General Post Orders**

- 1. Officers are required to be in full and proper uniform, if applicable.
- 2. Prior to assuming any post, read, familiarize yourself with, and sign the acknowledgment form attached to the post orders.
- 3. Take charge of your post and all property that it contains. You are responsible for the safety and security of your post as well as resident discipline. All government property is to be inspected for proper working condition. Memorandums will be completed regarding any item that is not properly functioning. Unusual detainee behavior will be reported to your immediate supervisor.
- 4. Never leave the post to which you are assigned until properly relieved. You will perform your assigned duties until you have been properly relieved.
- 5. Be alert and vigilant at all times. Maintain a constant awareness of your surroundings. By maintaining a highly visible profile, residents are less likely to commit prohibited acts.
- 6. Immediately report any unusual circumstance to your supervisor. Keep your immediate supervisor informed of any activity that may lead to unrest. Interaction with residents on a professional level can assist you in gathering information. This type of preventative measure may stop a potential problem before it occurs.
- 7. Officers are responsible for maintaining safety, security, and sanitation of their assigned post.
- 8. Adhere to and pass on to your relief any changes in post orders, operating procedures, and other information pertinent to the post. If you received special instructions during you tour, be sure to pass them on to the relieving officer. Special instructions should also be noted in the appropriate logbook. Get as much information from the previous officer as you can. The more you know about the population's attitude, the better you can prepare yourself to take over the post. Extend the same professional courtesy to the officer that relieves you.
- 9. Notify the shift supervisor IMMEDIATELY in the event of fire, disorder, escape, or injury to anyone. KEEP CALM! Use your radio to notify the supervisor. If radio traffic is heavy, use any available phone. Fire alarms are also located throughout the facility.
- 10. Residents are to be treated with courtesy and respect. Recognizing the effect of personal appearance, speech, conduct, and demeanor in communicating the appropriate sense of authority, every officer shall dress, speak, and act with the utmost professionalism.
- 11. Contact your immediate supervisor in any event that is not covered by instruction. If a situation arises that you have not previously encountered, contact your immediate supervisor for direction in handling the matter.
- 12. Keep accurate log entries of all noteworthy events that take place. By constantly updating your logbook, you assure that any future questions regarding your duties will be easily answered. This will leave little room for negative interpretation of your performance.

13. Maintain accountability of residents at all times.	Verify the census and/or identity of residents under
your control. Conduct random census of residen	ats under your supervision to ensure all are present.

Approved By

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Title: 1/26/14

# SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS



# **MEMORANDUM**



# FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS



### **ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD**

### **POST ORDERS**

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Each staff assigned to a standing post knows the procedures, duties, and responsibilities of that post, enhancing security and good order.

### II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:

- Each staff member will have current written Post Orders that specifically apply to the assigned post, with step-by-step procedures in sufficient detail to guide a staff member assigned to that post for the first time.
- 2. Assigned staff will acknowledge that they read and understood the Post Orders by signing and dating records.
- 3. Post Orders will be formally reviewed annually and updated as needed.
- 4. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
- 5. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

### IV. REFERENCES

American Correctional Association 4th Edition Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities. 4-ALDF-2A-04.

### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

### 1. Post Orders Required

The facility administrator shall ensure that:

- a. There are written Post Orders for each standing post,
- b. Copies of Post Orders are available to all employees,
- c. Written facility policy and procedures:
  - 1) Provide official time for staff to read the applicable Post Orders when assigned to a post, and
  - 2) Ensure that staff read those applicable Post Orders.
- d. As needed, Post Orders for non-permanent assignments (details, temporary housing units, emergencies, etc.) are developed, in advance or as soon as possible after the need arises.

### 2. Reading and Understanding of Post Orders

Staff and supervisors shall use the Post Orders to familiarize themselves with the duties for which they are responsible and to stay abreast of changes that occur in the operation and duties of that post. Even if a staff employee has worked a post in the past, he or she should not assume the Post Orders have not changed.

Supervisors shall ensure that staff members understand the Post Orders, regardless of whether the assignment is temporary, permanent, or due to an emergency.

Each time a staff member receives a different post assignment, he or she shall be required to read, sign, and date those Post Orders to indicate he or she has read and understands them.

### 3. Preparation of Post Orders

The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations shall supervise the preparation of all Post Orders, which shall:

- a. Be based on ICE/DRO Residential standards, ICE/DRO policies, and facility practices, and
- b. Specifically state the duty hours for each post.

The facility administrator (or designee) shall:

- a. Approve, sign, and date each Post Order on the last page of each section,
- b. Initial and date all other pages, and
- c. Initial and date any subsequent page changes.

### 4. Format of Post Orders

The Post Orders for each post shall be issued in a six-part classification folder (stock number #7530-00-990-8884) and be organized as follows.

Section 1: Specific Post Orders, listing activities chronologically, with

responsibilities clearly defined;

Section 2: Special instructions, if any, relating to the specific post;

Section 3: General Post Orders applicable to all posts;

Section 4: Memoranda changing or updating the Post Orders;

Section 5: ICE/DRO Residential standards and policies and facility

practices relevant to the post;

Section 6: Review and Signature Form, with the staff's name printed,

signed and dated.

### 5. Housing Unit Post Orders

In addition to the above requirements for all Post Orders, housing unit Post Orders in facilities shall follow the event schedule format, for example, "0515- Lights on" and shall direct the assigned staff to maintain a unit log of pertinent information regarding resident activity.

The shift supervisor shall visit each housing area and initial the log on each shift.

### 6. Maintenance of Post Orders

Post Orders shall be kept current at all times and formally reviewed at least annually and updated as needed. Staff who become aware that any part of a folder of Post Orders is out of date or in need of repair or replacement shall notify the shift supervisor.

In Facilities:

**a.** (b)(7)(e)

- b. The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations shall determine whether Post Orders need updating during the period between annual reviews. When a page is difficult to read, it shall be removed and replaced by a clean copy.
- c. Two weeks before the annual review, security supervisory staff shall solicit written suggestions for changes or additions to Post Orders from ICE/DRO staff, contract staff and other affected staff.

The security supervisor or equivalent shall review and comment on all suggested changes prior to submitting them to the Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations for review and possible inclusion in Post Orders. All submissions shall be retained in a historical file for two years.

The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations shall forward the updated Post Orders to the facility administrator for approval.

- d. Emergency changes may be made by memorandum and immediately placed in the Post Orders with notification to the union as soon as possible. During each review the Post Orders must be revised to incorporate or delete emergency changes, at which time any emergency memoranda are to be removed.
- e. A Post Orders master file shall be maintained in the office of the Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations and made available to all staff. Copies of the applicable Post Orders may be retained at the post only if secure from resident access.
- f. The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations shall ensure that all Post Orders are transcribed on a computer and that all back-up devices are properly accounted for and maintained in a secure location.

Standard Approved:

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### **ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD**

### CONTRABAND

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Contraband is identified, detected, controlled and properly disposed, thereby protecting residents and staff and enhancing facility security and good order.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Contraband will be identified, detected, controlled, and disposed of properly.
  - 2. Resident personal property that would be considered contraband within the facility will be mailed to a third party or stored until the resident's release, unless that property is illegal or a threat to safety or security
  - 3. Contraband that may be evidence in connection with a violation of a criminal statute will be preserved, inventoried, controlled, and stored so as to maintain and document the chain of custody.
  - 4. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 5. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED: None

### IV. REFERENCES

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association 4th Edition Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities: 2C-01, 2C-02, 2C-06.

### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

- 1. "Hard" and "Soft" Contraband: "Contraband is anything residents are not authorized to have in their possession.
  - a. Hard contraband includes any item that:
    - 1) Is inherently dangerous, including but not limited to weapons (b)(7)(e)

- 2) is a tool or device that could be used to escape (rope, bolt cutters, keys, etc.)
- 3) Could otherwise interfere with security, safety, or the good order of facility operations (intoxicants, prohibited currency, sensitive or confidential facility documents, etc)
- 4) Is a narcotic and/or other controlled substances not dispensed or approved by the medical department, not used as prescribed, or in the possession of a resident other than for whom it was prescribed. Staff shall consult the facility pharmacist or other health services staff when uncertain about whether a prescribed medication represents contraband. Medicine the resident brings into the facility upon arrival shall be forwarded to the facility medical staff for disposition.

A resident found in possession of hard contraband could face corrective action or criminal prosecution.

b. Soft contraband includes "nuisance" items that do not pose a direct and immediate threat to safety but has the potential to create dangerous or unsanitary conditions in the facility, such as excess papers that create a fire hazard, inappropriate written materials, food items that are spoiled or retained beyond the point of safe consumption, etc.

### 2. Procedures for Handling Contraband

All facilities shall have written policy and procedures for the handling of contraband.

- a. Seizure of Contraband. Staff shall seize contraband:
  - 1) Found in the physical possession or living area of a resident including that of a resident awaiting voluntary return.
  - 2) From common areas,
  - 3) From incoming or outgoing mail,
  - 4) Discovered during admission in-processing,

Exceptions may occur only upon written authorization of the facility administrator.

- b. Religious Items. The facility administrator shall ordinarily consult a religious authority before the confiscation of a religious item that is "soft" contraband.
- c. Disputed Ownership. When a resident's claimed ownership of potential contraband material is in question, staff shall:
  - 1) Inventory and store item pending verification of ownership;
  - 2) Provide the resident a copy of the inventory as soon as practicable and place a second copy in the resident's Residential file. The resident shall have seven days following receipt of the inventory to verify ownership of the listed items.

- 3) Staff shall deny claims:
  - a) Arising from the unauthorized use of government property.
  - b) For any item acquired without authorization from another resident.

If the resident cannot establish ownership, staff shall attempt to resolve the situation, but if ownership cannot be reasonably established, the property may be destroyed, as described below.

- 3. Resident Property That Is Contraband. Staff shall seize any soft contraband and/or hard contraband. As long as the contraband is not illegal under criminal statutes and would not otherwise pose a threat to security, staff shall inventory and receipt the property and mail to a third party, or store with the resident's other stored personal property, in accordance with the Residential Standard on "Funds and Personal Property." If the resident chooses not to provide an appropriate mailing address, or is financially able but unwilling to pay the postage, the facility administrator after providing the resident with written notice of the intent to destroy the property and how to prevent that outcome may dispose of the property in accordance with Destruction of Contraband below.
- 4. Evidence of a Crime. Contraband that may be evidence in connection with a violation of a criminal statute shall be preserved, inventoried, controlled, and stored so as to maintain and document the chain of custody and reported to the appropriate law enforcement authority for action and possible seizure. Many types of hard contraband are illegal under 18 U.S.C. Section 1791.
- 5. Government Property. Contraband that is government property shall be retained as evidence for possible corrective action or criminal prosecution, after which, as is appropriate, it may be:
  - a. Returned to the issuing authority,
  - b. Returned to normal stock for reuse, or
  - c. Destroyed, with approval of the facility administrator.

### 6. Destruction of Contraband

Hard contraband may be destroyed when no longer needed for corrective action or criminal prosecution. It may also be kept for official use (for example, as a training tool) if secured in a designated secure room when not in use. The facility administrator shall establish a procedure for the destruction of contraband items.

Procedures shall include at a minimum:

- a. The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations, or equivalent, determines whether an item shall be destroyed.
- b. The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations sends the facility administrator a memorandum through official channels, describing what is to be destroyed and why.
- c. The facility administrator generally holds an item of questionable ownership for 120 days before considering its destruction, to afford the resident ample opportunity to obtain verification of ownership and/or appeal the decision in

accordance with the Residential Standard on "Grievance Procedures."

Where disciplinary action is appropriate, the facility administrator shall defer his/her decision about the property until the disciplinary case, including appeals, is resolved.

- d. The staff member who physically destroys the property and at least one official observer shall attest, in writing, to having witnessed the property's destroyed
- e. A copy of the property disposal record is placed in the resident's Residential file. Records of property disposal shall remain on file for at least two years to ensure its availability for any subsequent investigation of a tort claim.

#### 7. Canine Units

While canine units maybe used for contraband detection with the written approval of JFRMU, canine units will not be maintained at or near the facility. A canine search will never be conducted in the presence of residents. Their use for force, control, or intimidation of residents is prohibited.

#### 8. Notice to Residents

The resident handbook, or equivalent, shall notify residents of the following:

- a. The facility's rules and procedures governing contraband.
- b. The applicability of the Residential Standard on Funds and Personal Property, as it relates to contraband.

**Standard Approved:** 

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# ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

# CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MAIL

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Residents will be able to maintain ties with their families, the community, legal representatives, and consular officials through correspondence.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Residential Standard are:
  - 1. Residents will be able to maintain ties with their families, the community, legal representatives, and consular officials through correspondence.
  - 2. Residents will become aware of the facility's rules on Correspondence and Other Mail through information contained in the Resident Handbook or another form of communication that is provided to each resident upon admittance in English, Spanish, and other languages most widely spoken among residents. Translation or interpretation services will be provided to residents who are not proficient in English.
  - 3. The amount and content of correspondence residents send at their own expense will not be limited except if needed for order and security.
  - 4. Indigent residents will receive a specified postage allowance to maintain community ties and the necessary postage for privileged correspondence.
  - 5. Residents will have access to publications.
  - 6. Incoming and outgoing mail will be opened to inspect for contraband and to intercept cash, checks, and money orders.
  - General correspondence will not be read or rejected, except if needed for order and security, and residents will be notified in writing when correspondence is withheld in part or in full.
  - 8. Residents will be permitted to send and receive Special Correspondence to persons and organizations as identified in this standard. Outgoing and incoming correspondence from persons and organizations as identified in this standard will be opened to inspect for contraband only in the presence of the resident, unless waived by the resident or unless contamination of the correspondence is suspected.
  - Incoming and outgoing letters will be held for no more than 24 hours and packages no more than 48 hours, excluding weekends, holidays, and emergency situations.
  - 10. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 11. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

# III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

### IV. REFERENCES

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association 4th Edition, Standards for Adult Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-5B-05, 5B-06, 5B-07, 5B-08, 5B-09, 5B-10, 2A-27, 2A-60, 6A-02, 6A-04, 6A-06, 6A-09.

### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### 1. General

Each facility shall have written policy and procedures relating to resident correspondence and other mail.

The amount of correspondence a resident may receive or send at his or her own expense shall not be limited; however, for reasons of safety, security, and the orderly operation of the facility, non-correspondence mail (such as packages and publications) shall be subject to certain restrictions.

# 2. Indigent Residents

Indigent residents may mail correspondence and packages at government expense, in accordance with the following guidelines:

- a. Reasonable correspondence relating to a legal matter. OCC shall be consulted prior to any determination that the amount of legal mail is not "reasonable."
- b. Three one-ounce letters per week
- c. Packages deemed necessary by ICE/DRO such as clothing, personal items, items needed for return to country of origin, etc.

### 3. Resident Notification

The facility shall notify residents of its rules on correspondence and other mail through a resident handbook, or equivalent, provided to each resident upon admittance.

At a minimum, the notification shall include the following:

a. That a resident may receive mail.

- b. The mailing address of the facility and instructions on how envelopes should be addressed.
- c. That a resident may send mail, the procedure for sending mail, and instructions on how outgoing mail must be addressed.
- d. That general correspondence and other mail addressed to residents will be opened and inspected in the resident's presence, unless waived by the resident or unless the facility administrator authorizes inspection without the resident being present, for security reasons.
- e. The definition of Special Correspondence, including instructions on the proper labeling of mail as "Special Correspondence." If not properly labeled, correspondence will not be treated as "Special Correspondence." The notification shall clearly state that it is the resident's responsibility to inform those outside the facility of this labeling requirement who wish to send "Special Correspondence" to the resident.
- f. That Special Correspondence may only be opened in the resident's presence, and may be inspected for contraband, but not read.
- g. That a package may neither be sent nor received without advance arrangements approved by the facility administrator, as well as the mechanism for obtaining such approval.
- h. A description of the type of mail that may be rejected by the facility or the type mail that the facility will not allow a resident to keep in his or her possession at the facility.
- i. That identity documents (passports, birth certificates, etc.) mailed to the resident will be turned over to ICE/DRO for placement in the resident's Alien file. Upon request, the resident will be provided a copy of each document, certified by an ICE/DRO staff to be a true and correct copy.
- j. The procedure for obtaining writing instruments, paper, and envelopes.
- k. The procedure for purchasing postage, and the rules for providing indigent and certain other residents free postage.

The facility shall make all reasonable effort to provide key information, in writing, to residents in languages spoken by any significant portion of the facility's resident population. All residents will receive this information through an oral orientation as described in the Residential Standard for "Admission and Release."

# 4. Mail Processing

Resident correspondence and other mail shall be delivered to the resident and to the postal service on regular schedules.

- a. Incoming correspondence shall be distributed to residents on the day it is received.
- b. Outgoing correspondence shall be delivered to the postal service no later than the day after it is received by facility staff, or placed by the resident in a designated mail depository, excluding weekends and holidays. An exception

may be made for correspondence or other mail that requires special handling for security purposes. Under exceptional circumstances, Special Correspondence may be held for 48 hours, to verify the status of the addressee or recipient.

c. Incoming priority, overnight, certified mail, and deliveries from a private package delivery service, etc. shall be recorded in a logbook maintained by the facility.

### 5. Packages

Each facility shall implement policies and procedures concerning resident packages.

# 6. Inspection of Incoming Correspondence and Other Mail

### a. General Correspondence and Other Mail

Staff shall open and inspect incoming general correspondence and other mail (including packages and publications) in the presence of the resident. Incoming general correspondence may be read to the extent necessary to maintain security, as authorized by the facility administrator.

Inspection is generally for the purpose of detecting contraband. The reading of mail, which requires approval of the facility administrator, may be conducted at random. Mail may also be read when a specific documented security concern arises with respect to an individual resident, to reveal such information as: escape plots, plans to commit illegal acts, plans to violate institution rules, etc.

### b. Special Correspondence

"Special Correspondence" is the term for residents' written communications to or from private attorneys and other legal representatives; government attorneys; judges; courts; embassies and consulates; the President and Vice President of the United States; members of Congress; the Department of Justice; the Department of Homeland Security; the U.S. Public Health Service; and representatives of the news media.

Correspondence shall only be treated as Special Correspondence if the title and office of the sender (for incoming correspondence) or addressee (for outgoing correspondence) are unambiguously identified on the envelope, and the envelope is labeled as "Special Correspondence."

All facilities shall implement procedures for inspecting Special Correspondence for contraband in the presence of the resident.

Staff shall neither read nor copy Special Correspondence. The inspection shall be limited to the purposes of detecting physical contraband and confirming that any enclosures qualify as Special Correspondence.

# 7. Inspection of Outgoing Correspondence and Other Mail

# a. General Correspondence and Other Mail

Outgoing general correspondence and other mail may be inspected and read if:

1) The addressee is another resident, or an alien detained in a detention or other facility operated by or on behalf of a law enforcement agency.

2) There is reason to believe the item might present a threat to the facility's secure and orderly operation, endanger the recipient or the public, or facilitate criminal activity.

### b. Special Correspondence

Outgoing Special Correspondence shall not be opened, inspected, or read.

Staff shall treat outgoing correspondence as Special Correspondence only if the name, title, and office of the recipient are clearly identified on the envelope, and the envelope is labeled as "Special Correspondence."

# 8. Rejection of Incoming and Outgoing Mail

All facilities shall implement policies and procedures addressing mail that will be accepted and mail that will be rejected by the facility.

Incoming and outgoing general correspondence and other mail may be rejected to protect the security, good order, or discipline of the institution; to protect the public; or to deter criminal activity.

When incoming or outgoing mail is confiscated or withheld (in whole or in part), the resident shall be notified and be given a receipt.

Correspondence and publications that may be rejected include, but are not limited to:

- a. Material that depicts, describes, or encourages activities that could lead to physical violence or group disruption, for example, material dealing with the subjects of self-defense, survival, weaponry, armaments, explosives, and incendiary devices.
- b. Information regarding escape plots, plans to commit illegal activities, or to violate ICE/DRO rules or facility guidelines.
- c. Information regarding the production of drugs or alcohol.
- d. Sexually explicit material.
- e. Threats, extortion, obscenity, or gratuitous profanity.
- f. A code, cipher, or other form of encryption.
- g. Other contraband. A package received without the facility administrator's prior authorization is considered contraband.

Rejected mail shall be considered contraband and handled as detailed below.

Both sender and addressee shall be provided written notice, signed by the authorizing official, with an explanation, when the facility rejects incoming or outgoing mail. The facility administrator shall ordinarily consult a religious authority before the confiscation of a religious article that is considered "soft contraband."

# 9. Contraband Recording and Handling

When staff finds an item that must be removed from a resident's mail, he, or she shall make a written record including the following:

a. The resident's name and A-number

- b. The name of the sender and recipient
- c. A description of the mail in question
- d. A description of the action taken and the reason for it (including significant dates)
- e. The disposition of the item and the date of disposition
- f. The staff's signature
- q. Prohibited items discovered in the mail shall be handled as follows:
  - 1) A receipt shall be issued to the resident for all cash, which shall be safeguarded and credited to the resident's account in accordance with the Residential Standard on "Funds and Personal Property."
  - 2) Identity documents (passports, birth certificates, etc.) shall be placed in the resident's A-file. Upon request, the resident shall be provided with a copy of the document, certified by an ICE/DRO staff to be a true and correct copy.
  - 3) Other prohibited items found in the mail shall be handled in accordance with the Residential Standard on "Contraband"; however, at the discretion of the facility administrator, soft contraband may be returned to the sender.
  - 4) The facility administrator shall ensure that facility records of the discovery and disposition of contraband are accurate and current.

### 10. Postage Costs

The facility shall generally not limit the amount of correspondence residents may send at their own expense, except to protect public safety, or facility security and order.

The facility shall provide a postage allowance at government expense under two circumstances:

- a. The resident is indigent.
- b. The facility does not have a system for residents to purchase stamps, so all residents receive a postage allowance.

Free postage is generally limited to letters weighing one ounce or less, with exceptions allowed for Special Correspondence; however, in compelling circumstances, the facility may also provide free postage for general correspondence and other mail.

Residents who qualify for a postage allowance, as defined above, shall be permitted to mail at government expense:

- a. A reasonable amount of mail each week, including at least five pieces of Special Correspondence and five pieces of general correspondence.
- b. All correspondence related to a legal matter, including correspondence to a legal representative, potential legal representative, and any court.
- c. Packages containing personal property, when the facility administrator determines that storage space is limited and that mailing the property is in the government's best interest. See the Residential Standard on "Funds and Personal Property" for detailed information.

# 11. Writing Instruments, Paper, and Envelopes

The facility shall provide writing paper, writing implements, and envelopes at no cost to residents.

# 12. Correspondence with Representative of the News Media

A resident may use Special Correspondence to communicate with the news media.

A resident may not receive compensation or anything of value for correspondence with the news media. A resident may not act as a reporter or publish under a byline.

Representatives of the news media may initiate correspondence with a resident; however, it shall be treated as Special Correspondence only if the envelope is properly addressed with the name, title, and office of the media representative, and clearly labeled as "Special Correspondence."

# 13. Notaries, Certified Mail, and Miscellaneous Needs Associated With Legal Matters

If a resident without legal representation requests certain services in connection with a legal matter (notary public, certified mail, etc.), and has no family member, friend, or community organization able to provide assistance, the facility shall assist the resident.

If it is unclear whether the requested service is necessary in pursuit of a legal matter, the respective Chief Counsel should be consulted.

Standard Approved:

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# ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

### DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOR MANAGEMNT

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE: Facility standards of conduct and enforcement of those standards are expected in order to provide a safe and orderly living environment. Facility authorities will manage discipline and behavioral problems in a manner that ensures the safety and welfare of staff, residents, and visitors.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES: The expected outcomes of this Standard are:
  - 1. Residents will be informed of facility rules and regulations, prohibited acts, disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed, and the procedure for appealing disciplinary findings.
  - 2. Each facility will have graduated severity scales of prohibited acts and disciplinary consequences.
  - 3. Where permitted by facility policy, staff will informally settle minor transgressions by mutual consent, whenever possible.
  - 4. Staff who witness a prohibited act that cannot or should not be resolved informally, or have reason to suspect one, will prepare a clear, concise, and complete incident Report.
  - 5. Each Incident Report will be objectively and impartially investigated by a person of supervisory rank.
  - When appropriate, a serious incident that may constitute a criminal act will be referred to the proper investigative agency, and the administrative investigation will be suspended, pending the outcome of that referral.
  - At each step of the disciplinary process, the detainee will be advised of his or her rights.
  - 8. A Management Review Committee (MRC) will further investigate and adjudicate the incident and may impose minor sanctions or refer the matter to a higher level disciplinary panel.
  - 9. A (b)(7)(e) Executive Review Panel (ERP) will conduct formal hearings on Incident Reports referred from an MRC and may impose higher level sanctions for "Greatest" and "High" level prohibited acts.
  - 10. Detainees appearing before the ERP will be afforded a staff representative, upon request, or automatically if the detainee is illiterate, has limited English language skills, or otherwise needs special assistance.
  - 11. Actions of the ERP will be reviewed by the facility administrator, who may concur with the findings and conclusions or may modify them.
  - 12. At all steps and levels in the disciplinary process, any sanctions imposed will be commensurate with the severity of the committed prohibited act and intended to encourage the detainee to comply with the rules and regulations.

- 13. All steps of the disciplinary process will be done within the required time limits.
- 14. At all steps of the disciplinary process, accurate and complete records will be maintained, and the detainee will receive the copies to which he or she is entitled.
- 15. If a resident is found not guilty at any stage of the disciplinary process, the incident records will not be included in the detainee's file (even if they are retained elsewhere for statistical or historical purposes).
- 16. Residents will be able to appeal disciplinary decisions through a formal grievance process.
- 17. Residents do not receive any discipline or punishment that is considered to be harsh, cruel, unusual, unnecessary, demeaning, or humiliating.
- 18. Residents under age 12 will not be referred for disciplinary review.
- 19. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
- 20. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED: None

#### IV. REFERENCES:

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American Correctional Association, 4th Edition, Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-3A-01, 3A-02, 6C-01 through 6C-19.

Pennsylvania Welfare Code Chapter 3800: Child Residential and Day Treatment Facilities.

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services: Minimum Standards for General Operations and Residential Treatment Centers

#### V. APPLICABILITY:

The standards provided in this Standard shall apply to all ICE Family Residential Centers.

See the separate "Definitions" Standard for the meaning of certain terms used in this document.

### VI. EXPECTED PRACTICES:

Care providers shall implement a disciplinary and behavioral management program that meets adult and child welfare best practice standards. Behavioral management strategies shall be based on a system of privileges and shall not be punitive in nature.

Care providers shall have written policies and procedures regarding the disciplinary and behavioral modification program used at the facility. All staff shall be trained in effective behavioral modification techniques. The behavioral management system shall be implemented uniformly and explained to an arriving resident in a language that he or she understands. Each family shall receive a copy of the disciplinary and behavioral management system in writing during intake.

Behavior management shall be positive in its development, implementation and outcome. Behavioral management strategies shall include staff-child interactions that are proactive and not reactive in nature. Non-restraining procedures (such as verbal interventions, loss of privileges and time out) should always be the first methods of management for minors. Mechanisms shall be developed to reinforce positive behaviors that include parental intervention, whenever possible. Clinicians shall assist in identifying the causes of the minor's negative behavior in order to develop appropriate treatment and staff intervention plans. These causes may include trauma, neglect, poor modeling or socialization, poor attachments, attention seeking and learned helplessness. Staff shall discuss with minors and their parents ways to meet behavioral needs in a productive way, when possible, as well as ways to address causes to assist in appropriate behavior.

The behavioral modification program shall include rules for the program, rewards and consequences, a list of minor and major behavioral infractions and systemic feedback from staff to each resident, with particular attention to the needs of minors.

Care providers shall have written rules that specify acts prohibited while residing at the program and consequences that may be imposed for various degrees of violation. The written rules shall be posted in a common area, reviewed at least annually and updated when necessary. The rules must be written in a way that is easily understandable by residents and their minor children and should be provided in the languages of the majority of residents in the facility. When a literacy or language problem prevents a resident from understanding the written rules, a staff member or interpreter shall assist the resident in understanding them. Care providers shall ensure that the standards for rules and discipline are formulated with consideration of the range of ages and maturity and are culturally sensitive to the needs of residents in federal custody.

#### 1. Guidelines

Each residential facility holding ICE detainees, who are part of a defined family unit in custody, will have a Behavioral Management Program that includes access to an administrative disciplinary process. This program shall have progressive levels of reviews, appeals, procedures, and documentation procedures. The relevant policy and procedures shall clearly define resident rights and responsibilities.

- a. The following procedure outlines the recommended requirements for disciplinary measures with regards to the discipline of minors:
  - 1) Only a caregiver known to and knowledgeable of a child may

- discipline the child.
- 2) All disciplinary actions recommended and taken must be explained to the parent of the affected minor.
- 3) Each disciplinary measure must:
  - a) Be consistent with established policies and procedures;
  - b) Not be physically or emotionally damaging to the child;
  - c) Be individualized to meet each child's needs;
  - d) Be appropriate to the child's level of understanding, age, and developmental level; and
  - e) Be appropriate to the incident and severity of the behavior demonstrated.
  - f) The goal of each disciplinary measure is to teach the child acceptable behavior and self-control. The caregiver must explain the reason for the disciplinary measure when the caregiver imposes the measure.
- b. Administrative action may not be capricious or retaliatory.
  - Corporal punishment, or the threat of corporal punishment, may never be used on a child. Corporal punishment is the infliction of punishment on any part of a child's body as a means of controlling or managing the child's behavior. It includes:
    - a) Hitting or spanking a child with a hand or instrument; or
    - b) Forcing or requiring the child to do any of the following as a method of managing or controlling behavior:
      - i. Perform any form of physical exercise, such as running laps or doing sit-ups or push-ups;
      - ii. Hold a physical position, such as kneeling or squatting; or
      - iii. Do any form of "unproductive work." "Unproductive work" is work that serves no purpose except to demean the resident.
        - Examples include moving rocks or logs from one pile to another or digging a hole and then filling it in. Unproductive work is never an appropriate behavior management tool.
        - 2) "Unproductive work" does not include work that corrects damage that the resident's behavior caused. For example, a child who intentionally defaces a fence or wall may be required to paint that portion defaced. A logical consequence as a behavioral management tool is acceptable.

- c. Minor residents under the age of 12 may not be subjected to administrative review. Parents whose children exhibit hostile or antisocial behavior will be referred to the MRC for review.
- d. Minor residents 12 and older will not be presented for administrative review without notification being made to their parents(s), and shall only be submitted for administrative review after all other efforts to include counseling have been conducted. If after attempting an informal resolution, the minor remains disruptive and continues to fail to follow established facility rules, the minor and parent(s) shall be referred for administrative review.
- e. In addition, the following actions are prohibited as punishments involving a minor of any age:
  - 1) Any harsh, cruel, unusual, unnecessary, demeaning, or humiliating discipline or punishment
  - 2) Denial of mail or visits with their families as discipline or punishment
  - 3) Threatening with the loss of placement as discipline or punishment;
  - 4) Using sarcastic or cruel humor, and verbal abuse;
  - 5) Maintaining an uncomfortable physical position, such as kneeling or holding the arms out;
  - 6) Pinching, pulling hair, biting, or shaking a child;
  - 7) Putting anything in or on a child's mouth, such as soap or tape;
  - 8) Humiliating, shaming, ridiculing, rejecting, or yelling at a child;
  - 9) Subjecting a child to abusive or profane language;
  - 10)Placing a child in a dark room, bathroom, or closet;
  - 11) Requiring a child to remain silent or inactive for inappropriately long periods of time for the child's age;
  - 12) Confining a child to a highchair, box, or other similar furniture or equipment as discipline or punishment;
  - 13) Denying basic child rights as discipline or punishment;
  - 14) Withholding food that meets the child's nutritional requirements; and;
  - 15)Using or threatening to use emergency behavior intervention as discipline or punishment.
  - 16) Seclusion, defined as placing a child in a locked room, is prohibited. A locked room includes a room with any type of door-locking device, such as a key lock, spring lock, bolt lock, foot pressure lock or physically holding the door shut.

Staff may not impose or allow imposition of the following sanctions for a resident, adult or minor, at a family residential center: corporal punishment; deviations from normal food services; deprivation of clothing, bedding, or items of personal hygiene; deprivation of correspondence, telephone, or visitation privileges; deprivation of physical exercise or access to recreation, deprivation of school or education. No punishment shall require confinement in any locked room or space.

- f. The facility shall not hold a resident accountable for his/her conduct if a medical authority finds him/her mentally incompetent.
- g. The resident handbook or equivalent, issued to each resident upon admittance, shall provide notice of the facility's rules of conduct, and of the sanctions imposed for violations of the rules. Among other things, the handbook shall advise residents of the following:
  - The right to protection from personal abuse, corporal punishment, unnecessary or excessive use of force, personal injury, disease, property damage, and harassment;
  - 2) The right of freedom from discrimination based on race, religion, national origin, sex, handicap, or political beliefs;
  - 3) The right to pursue a grievance in accordance with written procedures (provided in the handbook);
  - 4) The right to correspond with persons or organizations, consistent with safety, security, and the orderly operation of the facility; and
  - 5) The right to due process, including the prompt resolution of an administrative disciplinary matter (in accordance with the rules, procedures, and sanctions provided in the handbook).
  - 6) Copies of the rules of conduct and administrative sanctions will be posted in English, Spanish, and/or other languages spoken by significant numbers of residents, as follows:
    - a) Disciplinary Severity Scale
    - b) Prohibited Acts
    - c) Sanctions

### 2. Incident Reports

Officers who witness a prohibited act or have reason to suspect one has been committed shall prepare and submit an incident report. All incident reports must state the facts clearly concisely, and completely. Reports also will identify the officer(s), the resident(s), and all who are witness to the incident.

ICE review approval is required for the incident-report forms used in family residential centers.

It is expected that minor rules violations will be settled informally by mutual consent, whenever possible. If, however, the officer involved believes informal resolution is inappropriate or unachievable, he/she shall prepare an Incident Report and Notice of

Violations and forward it to the appropriate supervisor before the end of the assigned shift.

The incident report shall cite the relevant rule or standard without quoting it in its entirety. For example, for destruction of government property, the report would cite, briefly, "Code 218—Destroying Government Property."

If the officer observes anything unusual in the resident's behavior or demeanor, he/she shall so note in the report. The reporting officer shall also list all staff, contract officers or resident witnesses to the incident, and the disposition of any physical evidence (contraband, property, etc.) relating to the incident. The reporting officer will sign the report and include title, date and time the report was signed. The shift supervisor shall review all incident reports before going off duty.

### 3. Investigations

All incident reports shall be investigated within 24 hours of the incident.

The investigating staff member must be a supervisor or higher and shall have had no prior involvement in the incident, either as a witness or an officer at the scene. No incident shall be investigated by line staff. All incidents require a minimum of a supervisory investigation and review. If the facility has a designated investigator, the incident may be investigated by that staff member. The position of investigator may not be a designated position for the purposes of circumventing this standard and must be a full-time trained employee. Minors may not be questioned outside the presence of a parent unless the incident is between the parent and child. Any allegation involving a criminal offense will be immediately referred to the appropriate law enforcement authority and no interviews shall be conducted

# The investigating Staff Member shall:

Commence the investigation within 24 hours of receipt of the incident report.

- a. Advise the resident of the right to remain silent at each stage of the administrative process, and ensure he/she has a complete listing of resident rights.
- b. Advise the resident that silence may not be used to support a finding against the resident.
- Provide the resident(s) with a copy of the incident report/notice of charges at least 24 hours before the start of administrative proceedings.
- d. Advise the resident of his/her right, if applicable, to an initial hearing before the Management Review Committee (MRC) within 24 hours of his/her notification of charges.
- e. Terminate the investigation if the incident is under investigation elsewhere, e.g., on criminal grounds, unless and until the agency with primary jurisdiction concludes its investigation or indicates that it will not pursue the matter.
- f. Record personal observances and other potentially material information.
- g. Prepare a factual report of the investigation, including the location or disposition of any physical evidence.
  - 1) Forward to the MRC all reports relevant to the disciplinary hearing.

NOTE: policy expressly prohibits providing a copy of any such report(s) to the resident at this stage of the disciplinary process.

# Management Review Committee (MRC)

All facilities shall establish an intermediate level of investigation/adjudication to adjudicate low or moderate rules infractions. They shall also ensure that the resident is afforded all the rights listed under "Resident Rights in MRC Proceedings," as provided below.

The MRC conducting an administrative review of rules infractions shall be composed of (b)(7)(e) nembers. For minor rules infractions. (b)(7)(e)(b)(7)(e)

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The MRC shall not include the reporting officer, the investigating officer, or an officer who witnessed or was directly involved in the incident. Only if virtually every available officer witnessed or was directly involved in the incident shall an exception to this rule occur.

The MRC will conduct hearings and, to the extent possible, informally resolve cases involving low to moderate level offenses, in accordance with the list of charges and related sanctions. Unresolved cases and cases involving serious charges are forwarded to the Executive Review Panel (ERP).

# The MRC shall have authority to:

- a. Conduct hearings and informally resolve incidents involving low or moderate violations.
- b. Consider written reports, statements, and physical evidence.
- c. Hear pleadings on the part of the resident.
- d. Make findings that a resident did or did not commit the rule violation(s) or prohibited act(s) as charged, based on the preponderance of evidence.
- e. Impose minor sanctions in accordance with the table of prohibited acts and associated sanctions.

# The resident in MRC proceedings shall have the right to:

- a. An MRC hearing within 24 hours of the end of the investigation
- b. Attend the hearing (excluding committee deliberations) unless security considerations prevent the resident's attendance. In this instance, the committee must document the security considerations.
- c. Present statements and evidence in his/her own behalf.
- d. Appeal the committee's determination through the resident appeal process.

#### The MRC shall:

a. Advise the resident of above-listed rights and procedures before the hearing.

- b. Refer to the ERP any incident involving a serious violation. This includes code violations in the "Moderate" or categories (100s and 200s).
- c. Serve the resident with:
  - 1) A copy of the MRC decision and sanctions imposed; or
  - 2) Written notification of charges and hearing before the ERP.
- d. If the resident's case is being referred to the ERP, advise the resident, in writing, of:
  - 1) The opportunity to call witnesses and present evidence before the ERP; and
  - 2) The opportunity to a have a staff representative assist him or her before the ERP.

# 4. Staff Representation

The Facility Administrator (FA) or designee shall, upon the resident's request, assign a staff representative to help prepare a defense. This help will be automatically provided for illiterate residents, residents with limited English-language skills, and residents without means of collecting and presenting essential evidence.

- a. A staff representative must be a full-time employee.
- b. Because of the potential conflict of interest, the FA, members of the ERP and of the MRC initially involved in the case, eyewitnesses, the reporting and investigating officers, and anyone else with a stake in the outcome shall not act as staff representative.
- c. The resident may select his/her staff representative, barring anyone identified in 4b, above.
- d. The ERP shall arrange for the presence of the staff representative selected by the resident. If that staff member declines or is unavailable, the resident has three choices. He/she may select a different representative; wait for the unavailable staff member to become available (within a reasonable period); or proceed without a staff representative.
- e. A staff member declining to serve as a resident's representative must state the reason on the staff representative form.
- f. If several staff members decline, the FA shall assign a staff member to serve as that resident's staff representative.
- g. The staff representative shall be free to speak to witnesses and to present evidence on the resident's behalf, including any mitigating circumstances.
- h. The ERP shall allow the staff representative enough time to speak with the resident and interview witnesses. The standard pre-hearing preparation time will suit most cases. However, the ERP may grant a postponement if required to prepare an adequate defense.

- i. The ERP shall consider the reliability of information provided by a (b)(7)(e) before considering it in the disciplinary proceedings.
- j. The ERP may withhold the (b)(7)(e) identity from the staff representative. While the staff representative may challenge the substance of any (b)(7)(e) information the ERP discloses, he/she may not question its reliability (pre-established by the ERP).
- k. When the resident cannot effectively present his/her own case, the FA shall appoint a staff representative, even if not requested by the resident.

### 5. Executive Review Panel

All family residential centers housing ICE residents shall have an executive review panel to adjudicate resident incident reports. Residents assigned to residential facilities may not be placed into segregation or lock down housing. Where chronic violations are noted, the ERP may designate placement of a family unit into an orientation and counseling housing unit. The only purpose for placement into this unit is to ensure that all resources are made available for assisting residents to properly conform to facility rules and to ensure the safe and orderly operation of the facility. Placement into an intensive supervision unit is not to be used as punishment and may only be used for the amount of time needed to ensure the proper orientation and counseling of an affected resident or family unit.

#### At each center:

a. The ERP will consist of (b)(7)(e) members, (b)(7)(e)

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The panel shall not include the reporting officer, the investigating officer, a member of the referring MRC, or anyone who witnessed or was directly involved in the incident. Only if virtually every available officer witnessed or was directly involved in the incident shall an exception to this rule occur.

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# The ERP shall have authority to:

- a. Conduct hearings on all charges and allegations referred by the MRP.
- b. Call witnesses to testify.
- c. Consider written reports, statements, physical evidence, and oral testimony.
- d. Hear pleadings by residents and staff representatives.
- e. Make findings that the resident did or did not commit the rule violation(s) or prohibited act(s) as alleged, based on the preponderance of evidence.
- f. Impose sanctions as listed and authorized in each category.

#### The ERP shall:

- a. Verify that the resident has been advised of the procedures as identified above.
- b. Advise the resident that he or she may waive the hearing and admit having committed the offense.
- c. Conduct the hearing on the first business day after receiving the ERP referral, unless the resident waives the 24-hour notification provision, requesting an immediate hearing. In cases where a hearing is delayed, the reason(s) must be documented (e.g., a continuing investigation of facts, their unavailability of one or more essential witnesses, etc.) and approved by the OIC.
- d. Prepare a written record of its proceedings. This record must show that the resident was advised of his/her rights. It must also document the evidence considered by the Panel and subsequent findings; the decision and sanctions imposed, along with a brief explanation.
- e. Forward the entire record to the FA, who may (a) concur; (b) terminate the proceedings; or (c) impose stiffer or lesser sanctions.
- f. Serve the resident with written notification of the decision.

# 6. Postponement of Disciplinary Proceedings

All facilities shall permit hearing postponements or continuances under certain circumstances.

Circumstances justifying postponement or continuance of a hearing might include: defense preparation, physical or mental illness, security, escape, disciplinary transfer, deportation, or pending criminal prosecution.

An uncooperative resident may also cause a delay in the proceedings, either because of inappropriate behavior during the hearing process or a refusal to participate in a productive manner.

### 7. Duration of Penalties

The duration of penalties shall be within established limits. Neither the panel recommending sanctions nor the FA making the final decision shall impose arbitrary sanctions outside these limits.

- a. Punishments range from the withholding of specified privilege(s) to recommended removal from the residential center and program. <u>Segregation</u> may not be used as a form of penalty in any form at a residential center.
- b. The disciplinary report and accompanying documents are not inserted in the file of a resident who is found not guilty. However, the facility may retain the material in its own files for institutional uses (statistical, historical, etc.).
- c. Best Practice Suggestions for dealing with Minors:

Disciplinary measures should be consistent among caregivers. Using positive methods of discipline and guidance encourage self-esteem, self-control, and self-direction. Positive methods of discipline include the following:

- 1) Using praise, positive reinforcement, and encouragement of good behavior instead of focusing only on unacceptable behavior;
- 2) Reminding a child of behavior expectations daily by using clear, positive statements;
- 3) Talking with the child about the situation;
- 4) Focusing on the rule to learn and the reason for the rule;
- 5) Focusing on solutions that are respectful, reasonable, and related to the problem behavior, rather than blaming or focusing on consequences;
- 6) Redirecting the child's attention or behavior using positive statements;
- Providing prior notice of possible consequences for inappropriate behaviors;
- 8) Giving the child acceptable choices or alternatives;
- 9) Using brief supervised separation or time away from the group or situation, when appropriate for the child's understanding, age, and development. Best practice suggests that quiet time or time out from the group should be limited to no more than one minute per year of the child's chronological or developmental age. However, this time frame may need to be adjusted for some children, such as a child who has attention-deficit disorder. Time out is not appropriate for infants and is not recommended for toddlers, since they are too young to understand this intervention;
- 10) Arranging the environment to allow safe testing of limits;
- 11) Using kind but firm action;
- 12) Giving logical consequences that are appropriate to the situation and severity of the behavior, and
- 13) Withholding privileges.
- d. Acceptable Corrective Sanctions for Minors:

Sanctions in subparagraphs 1. and 4. (below) may be imposed by the MRP. Sanctions in sub paragraphs 1. through 5. may be imposed by the ERP.

- 1) Referral to Counseling
- 2) Restriction to Housing Area, not to exceed 72 hours
  - a) When a minor resident is restricted to housing, they must be afforded a minimum of one hour of outdoor activity time daily.
  - b) The minor may be restricted to the dayroom area but may not be forced to remain in his/her room except during a time out period.
  - No sanction may restrict a minor from attending required school classes or religious practices.

- 3) Minor residents who are 12 years old and older may have their free movement privilege suspended for up to 14 days. Such a suspension would require that the parent supervise all activities for that time period.
- 4) Loss of extracurricular activity time such as movie night.
- 5) Loss of field trip privileges for up to 45 days.

Corrective action may not interfere with such daily functions as eating and sleeping. Disciplinary actions may not adversely impact a child's health, physical or psychological well-being or deny a child regular meals, sufficient sleep, exercise, medical care, the right to correspondence, or legal assistance.

e. Acceptable Corrective Sanctions for Adults:

Sanctions in subparagraphs a. through d. (below) may be imposed by the MRP.

Sanctions in subparagraphs a. through e. may be imposed by the ERP.

- 1) Referral to Counseling
- 2) Require attendance in Parenting Classes
- 3) Additional work details such as:

### General housekeeping

- 1) Loss of Commissary
- 2) Restriction to housing Area, not to exceed 72 hours.

Imposition of such a sanction must take into account the ages of minor children and the negative impact this sanction would have on minor's who were not involved in the charged offense.

Sanctions are designed to correct poor behavior and are meant to encourage better behavior within a family residential center. Their use should be limited to those instances where other intervention has been tried and has been unsuccessful.

f. The MRP/ERP do not have the authority to remove any resident from a facility on the basis of a finding of guilty for any offense. The ERP shall recommend removal to the Chief, JFRMU, of any resident who presents an immediate or continuing threat to the good order, safety, and welfare of the facility.

8. Disciplinary Severity Scale and Prohibited Acts

All facilities shall have graduated scales of offenses and disciplinary consequences, as provided in this section.

Family residential centers shall adopt, without changing, the offense categories and administrative sanctions set forth in this section.

Prohibited acts are divided into three categories: "Major," "Moderate," and "Low." The sanctions authorized for each category (see table of sanctions, below) will be imposed only if the resident is found to have committed a prohibited act and no other method of behavioral modification has been found to be effective. Due to the nature of the facility as a residential family facility, sanctions should be used as a last resort and only as a means to correct behavior that threatens the safety and welfare of residents, staff, and visitors.

- a. Low offenses: For all "Low" offenses, staff is afforded the opportunity to resolve these incidents through immediate counseling or referral to a counselor for discussion. This is particularly important during the first 30 days of a residents stay and acclamation to the facility. Staff may, at their discretion, also initiate an incident report
- b. Moderate offenses: All moderate offenses are reviewed by the MRP for accuracy and completeness. Once reviewed, the MRP shall concur with the charged offense and refer the matter for review by the ERP, or, the MRP may dismiss or defer the charged offense based on a lack of evidence or the need to obtain additional information.
- c. Major offenses: All "Major' offenses require the immediate notification of the Chief, JFRMU, and the Field Office Director. Where a resident is deemed to be an immediate threat to themselves or others, the resident shall be immediately removed to a secure facility pending a full and complete investigation. Permanent removal of a resident from a residential family facility may only be authorized by the Chief, JFRMU. Such authorization will only be given when it can be established that the continued presence of the resident, minor or adult, would jeopardize the safety and welfare of themselves or others.

### **LOW OFFENSES:**

- 1. (101) Being in an Unauthorized Area Being in an area that is designated through verbal, written, or posted orders as "off limits" to residents.
- 2. (102) Disorderly Conduct Behavior such as loud talking, yelling, or pushing which disrupts the orderly running of the facility.
- 3. (103) Failure of Parent/Legal Guardian to Appropriately Manage Children's Behavior For parents who allow their children to be unruly, disrespectful, or insubordinate while in their presence.
- 4. (104) Failure to Follow Verbal or Posted Rules and/or Regulations Not following specific rules and/or orders which have been designated for the clean, safe, orderly operation of the facility which residents have been told in advance through posting or have been given verbally by an employee of the facility or person who has charge of the resident at the time. This includes not following the procedures established by the facility for taking count.
- 5. (105) Fighting Exchange of words or body contact in anger wherein no injury requiring medical attention occurs, such as horseplay.

- 6. (106) Gambling Operate or act in any game of chance involving betting or waging of goods or other valuables.
- 7. (107) Possession of Gambling Paraphernalia Having in one's control, items for use in operating or acting in any game of chance involving betting and wagering of goods or other valuables.
- 8. (108) Self Mutilation Inflicting injury on one's self, such as cutting on one's own body or tattooing.
- 9. (109) Smoking Smoking tobacco of any form in any area of the facility.
- 10. (110) Unauthorized Receipt or Possession of any Item of Value Receiving or having in one's possession any item of value which has been obtained through false pretenses, threats, or stealing.
- 11. (111) Unexcused Absence from Place of Assignment Being away, without authorization from an appropriate supervisor, from the place of assignment such as housing area, recreation area, health services, etc.
- 12. (112) Use of Vulgar, Abusive, or Obscene Phrases/Language
- 13. (113) Failure to Maintain Personal Hygiene or Personal Hygiene of Child *Not having a clean body or clothes*.
- 14. (114) Unsanitary and Disorderly Housing Conditions Not keeping a clean, neat living area. The area should be kept in a manner so that all possessions are stored in an organized manner in areas designated for such. The area should be free from dirt and clutter.
- 15. (115) Possession of Non-Dangerous Contraband (Soft Contraband) Possession of contraband items that are not allowed at the facility but are not capable of causing serious injury or harm to self or others, including tobacco products.
- 16. (116)Unauthorized Use of Telephone Using the telephone during unauthorized times.
- 17. (201) Refusal to Submit to a Reasonable Suspicion Drug Test Not providing a urine sample for use in reasonable suspicion drug testing.

### **MODERATE OFFENSES:**

- 1. (202) Positive Reasonable Suspicion Drug Test Testing positive for an illegal drug or un-prescribed controlled substance.
- 2. (203) Theft Unauthorized taking of something that belongs to someone else.
- 3. (204) Destruction, Alteration, or Damage to Property (Under \$1,000.00) Destroying, changing or hurting property of the facility or any other person.
- 4. (205) Forgery or Unauthorized Reproductions of Documents or Articles (Excluding Money) Counterfeiting, forging, or reproducing

without approval, any document, article, identification, or security documents.

- 5. (206) Hindering an Employee in the Performance of Their Duties Acting in such a way to interrupt an employee during their work time such as causing delays or giving false information.
- 6. (207) Refusal to Submit to a Reasonable Suspicion Search.
- 7. (208) Child Neglect Failure to give care and proper attention to a child (Non-Injury)
- 8. (209) Verbal Sexual Harassment of a Resident. Acting in such a manner as to create a hostile residential environment for other residents regardless of age or gender.

# MAJOR OFFENSES: Suspicion of any of the following offenses requires immediate notification of ICE and separation form the general population.

- 1. (301) Arson Starting or causing to be started a fire which could or does cause damage to person(s) or property.
- 2. (302) Assault/Battery A non-sexually related attack upon the body of another person with the intention of harming or causing serious injury.
- 3. (303) Rape Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and contact between the penis and the vagina or the penis and the anus including penetration, however slight; or contact between the mouth and the penis, vagina, or anus; or penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person by a hand, finger, or other object (i.e. penetration or oral sodomy).
- 4. (303) Sexual Assault Abusive contact of any person without his or her consent for the purpose of sexual gratification or arousal or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and intentional touching, either directly or indirectly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh or buttocks of any person. Sexual assault excludes incidents involving penetration or oral sodomy.
- 5. (304) Attempt/Conspiracy to Commit a Major Offense An offense for residents who do not actually commit the offense but participate in one (1) or more of the following ways:
  - a. (304a) Attempts to commit the major offense;
  - b. (304b) Solicits another or others to commit the major offense;
  - c. (304c) Conspires with another or others to commit the major offense; and/or
  - d. (304d) Facilitates the action of another or others in committing the major offense.
- 6. (305) Child Abuse Treating a child cruelly, roughly, wrongly, improperty, or in an insulting manner.

- 7. (306) Child Neglect Failure to give care and proper attention to a child resulting in endangerment or injury to a child.
- 8. (307) Confirmed STG Affiliation/Activity Affiliated or participating in a gang-related activity.
- 9. (308) Counterfeiting, Forgery, or Unauthorized Reproduction of Money
- 10. (309) Death of Any Person Any act of which the end result is the death of any person including employees, visitors/volunteers, and/or other residents.
- 11. (310) Destruction, Alteration, or Damage to Property (\$1,000 or more) Destroying, changing or hurting property of the facility or any other person.

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- 13. (312) Escape Leaving the grounds of the facility or from the custody of an employee outside of the facility without permission.
- 14. (313) Insurrection Participation or encouraging another to participate in unauthorized activity such as protesting or rioting.
- 15. (314) Possession of Dangerous Contraband (Hard Contraband) Possession of contraband items that are not allowed at the facility and are capable of causing serious injury or harm to self or others. This includes deadly weapons, items altered to be used as weapons, drugs and drug paraphernalia.
- 16. (315) Sexual Misconduct This includes, but is not limited to, the following acts:
  - a. (315a) Exposing the genitals or buttocks to an employee, visitor/volunteer, or resident for the purpose of sexual gratification or arousal.
  - b. (315b) Masturbation where an employee, visitor/volunteer, or other resident can see the act
- 17. (316) Intimidating or Threatening Another with Harm Telling someone, through actions or words, that harm will come to them.
- 18. (317) Possession of Drugs or Intoxicants Possession of any drugs or intoxicants which have not been prescribed or approved by the health services department for use.
- 19. (318) Violation of any Federal, State, or Local Law Any act, through not specifically listed in this policy, that would be considered either a felony or misdemeanor under federal laws or under the state laws in which the resident is housed.

### 9. Documents

All documents relevant to the incident, subsequent investigation, hearing(s), etc., will be completed and distributed in accordance with facility procedures.

Documents will be prepared and distributed as follows:

Incident Report/Notice of Charges

The officer shall prepare a report and submit it to the facility supervisor immediately after the incident takes place. If the incident is resolved informally, the officer will so note on the original report, which will then be forwarded to the Chief of Security and a copy forwarded to ICE.

If the MRC is to be involved, the supervisor shall serve the resident with a copy of the Notice of Infractions upon completion of the investigation, no less than 24 hours before the MRC hearing.

The MRC receives the original copy.

If the MRC hears the matter, the ranking member of that committee shall serve the resident with a copy of the Incident Report/Notice of Violations indicating their decision. The MRC, upon conclusion of its proceedings, will forward the entire record to either the Chief of Detention or the ERP, as appropriate.

### **Investigation Report**

Original-submitted to the MRC. Resident does not receive a copy

# **UDC Report of Findings and Action**

Original-served on the resident after the committee issues its findings

Copy-to the resident detention file (guilty finding only)

# **Notice of ERP Hearing**

Original-served on resident

Copy-resident detention file

# Resident Rights at ERP Hearing

Original-served on resident

Copy-facility detention file

### **ERP Report**

Original-resident detention file

Copy-resident

### 10. Confidential Information

When a decision relies on information from (b)(7)e the MRC or ERP shall include in the hearing record the factual basis for finding the information reliable.

### 11. Notice to Residents

The resident handbook shall notify residents of the following:

- a. The facility process for managing and handling rules violations.
- b. The prohibited acts and potential sanctions for prohibited acts:
- c. The procedure for appealing sanctions or adverse administrative findings.

# 12. Family Shelter Facilities

Family Residential Facilities are subject to review under both adult and juvenile care standards. Family Residential Management is unique to ICE and as such no specific monitoring tool exists independently of this standard. The goal of ICE is to ensure family unity during the immigration court process. Given the unique nature of these facilities in that they are less than secure and house only non-delinquent/criminal or non-violent residents, many of the ICE National Detention Standards for adult detention are inappropriate for use at these centers. Each facility must rely on a program that places a continued emphasis on voluntary acceptance of facility rules and general respect between staff and residents. Many sanctions within this program rely heavily on communication and counseling with the end goal remaining family unification.

The continued good order and general security of the facility relies on the residents continued voluntary cooperation within the confines of each facility. The most severe sanction that can be issued is removal from the facility and placement within alternative secure locations. It is the goal of ICE to avoid such sanctions whenever possible.

**Standard Approved:** 

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# ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS EMERGENCY PLANS

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Contingency plans are in place to quickly and effectively respond to any emergency situations that arise and to minimize their severity, thereby providing a safe environment to residents and staff.

These general emergency plans are in addition to those developed under the facility's health authority for control of communicable diseases (including avian flu).

- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Each facility will have in place contingency plans to quickly and effectively respond to any emergency situations that arise and to minimize their severity.
  - 2. Staff will be trained at least annually in emergency preparedness and implementation of the facility's emergency plans.
  - 3. An evacuation plan will be in place in the event of a fire or other major emergency, and the plan will be locally approved and updated at least annually.
  - 4. Events, staff responses, and command-related decisions during and immediately after emergency situations will be accurately recorded and documented.

### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

#### IV. REFERENCES

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ICE/DRO Residential Standard on Environmental Health and Safety that provides requirements and guidelines for avoiding and mitigating dangerous situations, specifically in regard to fires, environmental hazards, and evacuations.

ICE/DRO Residential Standard on **Use of Physical Force and Restraints** that provides requirements and guidelines for emergency situations that require the use of force.

Memorandum dated 7/14/2006 on Escape Reporting from the ICE/DRO Director, which specifies requirements for the reporting, tracking, and investigating of the escape of an ICE/DRO resident.

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

### 1. Staff Training

Each facility shall include emergency preparedness as part of the initial orientation and training provided all new employees, and all staff shall be trained at least annually on the facility's emergency plans.

Other related training requirements are specified throughout this document. including but not limited to facility "climate" monitoring, (b)(7)e video equipment, and the Incident Command

Post.

### 2. Preventive Action

### a. Climate Monitoring

Staff awareness of changes in facility "climate," promptly reported, can be of critical importance in defusing a potentially explosive situation. Residential management experience indicates that certain circumstances may predictably contribute to increased tensions in a detained population. Often such issues can be controlled or lessened before they escalate into some sort of incident or disturbance.

Staff shall be trained to watch for signs of mounting tension among the resident population, such as a sudden increase in the number of resident requests and incident reports, sullen, restless, and short-tempered behavior, or residents avoiding contact with staff.

Factors known to exacerbate tensions that may lead to group disturbances include, but are not limited to:

- Racism,
- Heightened complaints about food,
- Dissatisfaction with the performance or attitude of staff,
- Increasing complaints about recreation, medical care, visiting, mail, etc.,
- Prohibited sexual activity, and
- Inaccurate or incomplete information about resident cases or facility policies.

#### b. Staff Actions

Staff may improve their chances of preventing and deescalating resident unrest by:

- Discussing plans, programs, and procedures among themselves, and communicating as much as possible to residents;
- Treating residents fairly and impartially;
- Reducing misunderstandings among residents, for example, by enforcing and explaining rules that prevent any individual or group from imposing its will on other residents;

- Resolving misunderstandings and conflicts as they arise;
- Encouraging participation in work and recreational programs;
- Routinely reporting on facility climate and resident attitudes to the facility administrator; and
- Alerting supervisors at the first sign(s) of trouble, group hostilities, etc.

Quick, decisive staff action can prevent the start or spread of a disturbance.

The facility administrator shall develop written procedures for staff to follow when reporting an emergency.

### c. Pre-incident Considerations

When all attempts to defuse a volatile situation have failed, the facility administrator shall determine how to proceed, based on considerations of safety (residents, personnel general public), property, protection and, if applicable, the safety and welfare of (b)(7)(e)

# 3. Contingency Plan Development

### a. Basic Planning

### 1) Responsibility

All emergency contingency plans shall comply with the ICE/DRO standards for confidentiality, accountability, review, and revision included in this section.

Each plan shall include procedures for rendering emergency assistance to another ICE/DRO facility, for example, supplies, transportation, and temporary housing for residents, personnel, and/or TDY staff.

The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations is the individual responsible for developing each contingency plan and implementing it when an emergency situation occurs. In the development process, he or she shall tap the expertise of all department heads and ensure all departments have "ownership" of the plan.

Each facility shall ensure an accurate inventory of equipment identified in Attachment L, "Emergency Preparedness Status Report," of the Emergency Preparedness Program document and shall review that inventory at least twice annually to ensure its accuracy.

# 2) Planning with Other Agencies

Each Facility shall develop contingency plans with local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies and formalize those agreements with Memoranda of Understanding (MOU).

- Facility legal staff and/or the respective Field Office Chief Counsel should review references to arrest authority, use of intermediate and deadly force, jurisdiction, outside-agency involvement, etc.
- The facility administrator and representatives from the affected agencies shall cosign each MOU.

- Simulated exercises to test the plans shall occur on a regular, mutually agreed-upon basis.
- The plans shall be reviewed at least annually.

If any Local, State, or Federal agencies decline to participate, the facility administrator shall make periodic contact to revisit the issue.

The Facility is required to forward copies of their contingency plans and each MOU that pertains to those plans, to the Field Office Director and the Chief JFRMU when they are signed; when they are updated, and upon completion of the mandatory annual review of the plans.

# b. Keeping Plans Current

The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations shall:

- Update the plans as often as necessary and forward them for facility administrator approval. If the facility administrator requests changes, the Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations shall incorporate them and resubmit the plans within 30 days.
- Plan and schedule annual contingency plan reviews, with participation from every department head.
- Document each annual review in the master copy of the Contingency Plan
   File, even if the review resulted in no modifications.

# c. Safeguarding Plan Confidentiality

Every plan that is **being developed or is final** must include a statement prohibiting unauthorized disclosure of the plan. Staff may not discuss any aspect of a plan within earshot of a resident, a visitor, or anyone else not specifically designated as someone who is authorized access to the information set forth in the plan.

The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations (AFAO) shall determine who will be designated as persons authorized to have access to the plans, listing in writing the names of said persons and whether they are employees of ICE/DRO or other cooperative entities; where copies of the various plans are to be stored; and in what quantity the plans are to be reproduced. A master copy of each plan shall be kept outside the facility, along with an itemized list of the number of plans that have been created, the names of the persons who are authorized access to the plans, and where to find each specific copy of the plans.

The AFAO shall implement a checkout system that accounts for all plans at all times, with safeguards against resident access. The release of contingency plan details to unauthorized persons without the prior written approval of the Facility Administrator or the [AFAO] Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations will result in disciplinary action.

# d. Organization of the Contingency Plan File

 General Plans. A general section is to contain, policy, procedures, and plans common to most emergency situations. - Contingency-Specific Plans. The sections that follow the general section are to contain contingency-specific plans, as detailed below. They need not repeat what is in the general section and shall contain only the exceptions and/or additions applicable to the particular contingency.

# 4. General Implementation of Contingency Plans

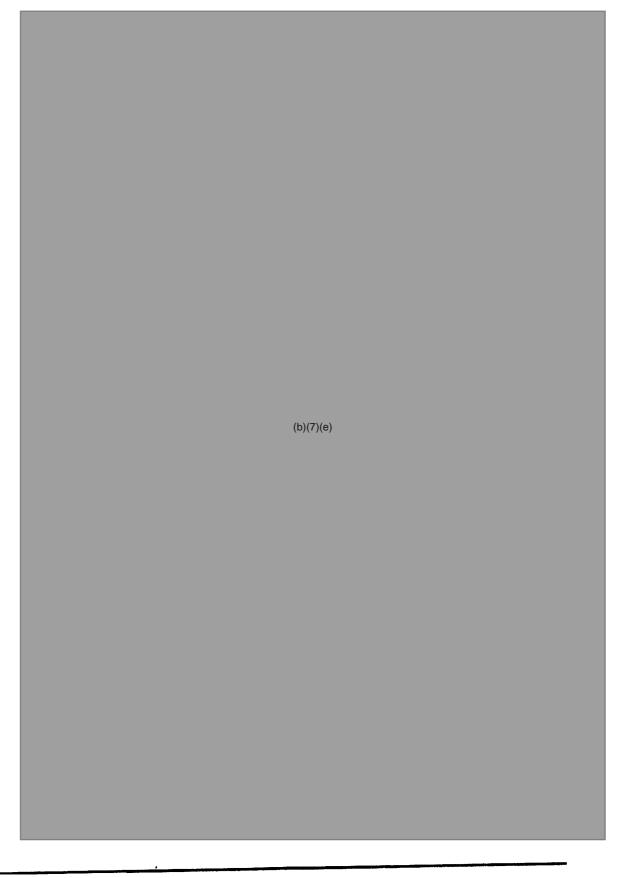
Each facility shall establish written policy and procedures addressing, at a minimum: chain of command, incident command post/center, staff recall, staff assembly, emergency response components, use of force, videotaping, records and logs, utility shutoff, employee conduct and responsibility, public relations, facility security, etc.

The respective Field Office Director shall maintain up-to-date data on the physical capacities of each facility in order to allow for a quick assessment of the scope of the emergency and the most immediate and best source(s) of assistance available to respond to the emergency.

### a. Facilities Chain of Command

The facility administrator shall identify the chain of command for directing operations in an emergency.

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# c. Emergency Recall List

As detailed in the Residential Standard on Facility Security and Control, the facility Control Center is required to maintain a list of the phone numbers of every staff member, including the administrative/support services staff members, the local emergency response components, and the local law enforcement agencies. Once a month the call-down procedures to designated staff should be initiated to verify the accuracy of the information listed.

For emergency response purposes, the Control Center shall also maintain up-to-date Field Office and JFRMU contact information.

# d. Assembly of Staff

The facility administrator shall:

- Develop Control Center procedures for executing an all-staff recall;
- Designate primary and secondary areas for staff assembly, preferably in a location where the assembled staff cannot be observed by residents; and
- Identify, for each primary and secondary area, whether a specific contingency or emergency condition might require the designation of additional locations or other special exceptions for staff assemblage.

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#### f. Use of Force

Any force that must be employed to control an emergency situation shall be in accordance with the Residential Standard on Use of Physical Force and Restraints and any other applicable ICE policies on the use of force.

### g. Video Equipment

At least one video camera shall be maintained in the Control Center for use in emergency situations, and the facility administrator shall ensure that it is maintained, tested, and supplied as required in the section on "Maintaining Video Recording Equipment," in the Residential Standard on Use of Physical Force and Restraints.

Shift supervisors, along with other designated staff, shall be trained in the requirements and procedures for video-taping use-of-force incidents, and shall be trained in the use of video equipment, including the identification of tapes and photographs by date and location.

### h. Records and Logs

The Facility Administrator or the Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations shall designate the Incident Command Post staff member who shall keep a contemporaneous date-and-time chronological record of events during the emergency, including, but not limited to: all command-related discussions, noting the names of the persons involved in the discussions; the decisions made; the phone numbers and persons contacted; and radio transmissions and responses received. Where possible, radio transmissions shall be documented by a voice-activated recorder.

Command Post staff shall also maintain a reading file to update the relief staff reporting for duty.

### i. News Media/Public Relations

The ICE Public Information Officer is responsible for coordinating briefings with news and television media. Information shall not be released through any other source.

### i. Facility Security

The Facility Administrator shall provide written procedures for,

- Resident roll-call in accordance with the Residential Standard on Resident Census
- Intensifying security, Emergency Security Measures;
- Security key access (issuance and accountability, drop chute, etc.); and
- Evidence preservation.

# k. Health Services Responsibilities

The contingency plan shall specify procedures for providing immediate and follow-up medical care to residents and staff, with alternative or back-up procedures explained for a variety of emergency scenarios.

# I. Food Service Responsibilities

The contingency plan shall specify procedures for updating the Food Service Administrator when emergency conditions change the number of people who will be requiring food service.

The Food Service Administrator (FSA) shall make contingency plans for providing meals to residents and staff during an emergency, including additional resources available from the local community, and the projected costs of using those resources, which the FSA shall ascertain during the planning phase.

# 1) Maintenance Department Responsibilities

The contingency plan shall provide for emergency utility control, including plot plans identifying water and gas shut-off valves and electricity on-off switches. It is recommended that the utility shut-off valves or switches be photographed, mapped and included in the contingency plans for quick identification during an emergency.

# 2). Employee Conduct and Responsibility

The contingency plan shall address professional conduct and responsibility, including what to do if taken hostage that may include instructions and guidelines on:

- Staying calm and controlling emotions,
- Being deliberate thinking before speaking or acting,
- Accepting the reality of the situation,
- Using a mild tone when speaking with captors,
- Observing captors, mentally noting their distinguishing characteristics (physical features, weapons, clothing, etc.),
- Responding to captors' orders,
- Eye contact and other interactions with captor(s),
- Telephone communications,
- Escape attempts.

# 3) Facility Access Routes

The plan shall specify alternative access routes which enable emergency personnel to reach the facility if the main approach becomes dangerous or inaccessible (i.e., a civil disturbance, extreme weather conditions, fire, etc.).

# 4) Nearby Residents

The plan shall specify how and when staff shall notify nearby residences of the situation, including the type of emergency, actions being taken, evacuation routes, if applicable, and special precautions. The process of notifying nearby residents of the emergency situation should be coordinated with the ICE Public Affairs Office whenever possible to avoid and anticipate an adverse reaction to the information.

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### m. Post-Emergency Procedures

The post-emergency part of the plan shall include, among other things, the following action items:

- 1) Segregating the residents involved in the incident;
- 2) Collecting written reports;
- 3) Preserving evidence;
- 4) Accountability (equipment, staff, etc.);
- 5) Damage assessment and repair of the facility;
- 6) Documentation of the nature and extent of any injuries;
- 7) Coordinating legal actions/prosecutions;
- 8) Debriefing and follow-up;
- 9) General review and critique of the emergency operations and management, with a follow-up agenda, including, but not limited to:
  - Monitoring the resident climate, and
  - Revising the Contingency Plan.

## n. Contingency-Specific Plans

The facility shall compile individual contingency-specific plans, as needed, in the following order:

- 1. Fire
- 2. Work/Food Strike
- 3. Disturbance
- 4. Escape/Missing Child

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6. Search (Internal)

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- 8. Extreme Weather, i.e. hurricane, earthquake
- 9. Civil Disturbance
- 10. Environmental Hazard
- 11. Resident Transportation System Emergency
- 12. Evacuation
- 13. Nationwide Lockdown
- 14. Staff Work Stoppage
- 15. Other site-specific plans

#### Fire

The safety/maintenance supervisor shall develop a comprehensive Fire Control Plan, in accordance with the Fire Prevention and Control section of the Residential Standard on Environmental Health and Safety.

The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations shall develop a procedural outline for shift supervisors in the event a fire occurs during non-duty hours.

### Work/Food Strike

The facility administrator shall determine the course of action to pursue, based on whether:

- Strikers have announced when the strike shall end;
- There is violence:
- The number of residents involved:
- The prospects for neutralizing the problem.

### Disturbance (Internal)

After determining the course of action to pursue, the facility administrator shall direct staff to implement the action plan, which shall cover, at a minimum:

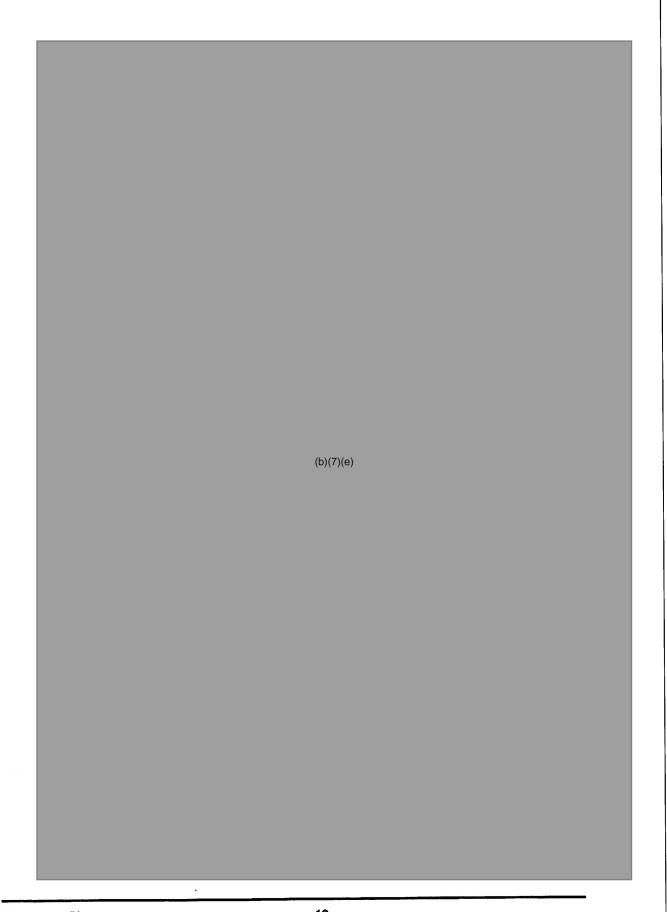
- 1) Controlling utilities;
- 2) Available emergency entrances, for example: Food Service, housing areas, etc.;
- 3) Trained emergency responders/other staff and equipment;
- Perimeter security, including crowd, traffic, and media control;
- 5) Shutting down resident telephone systems;
- 6) Notification of outside agencies;
- 7) Remove controlled substances from the pharmacy area.

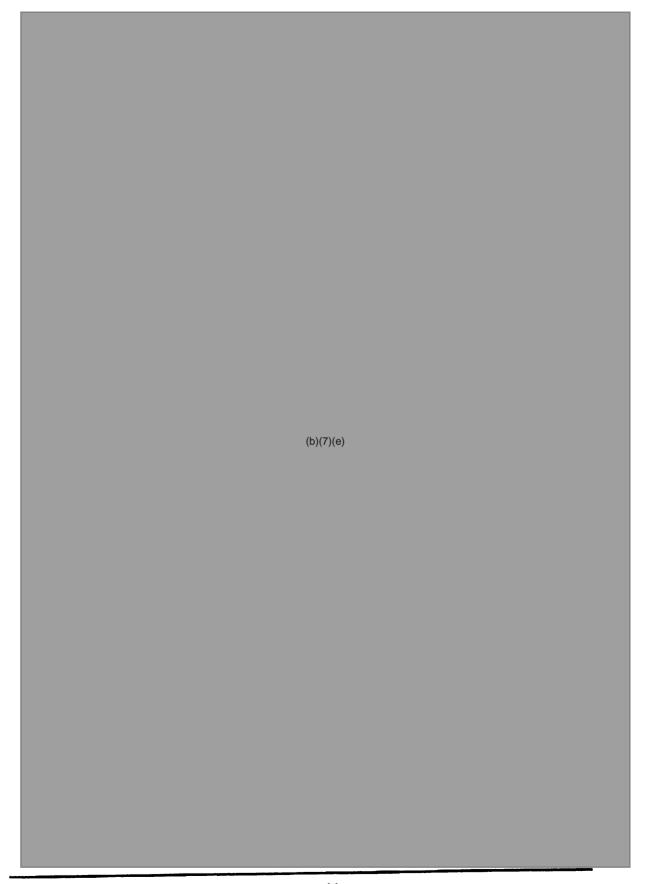
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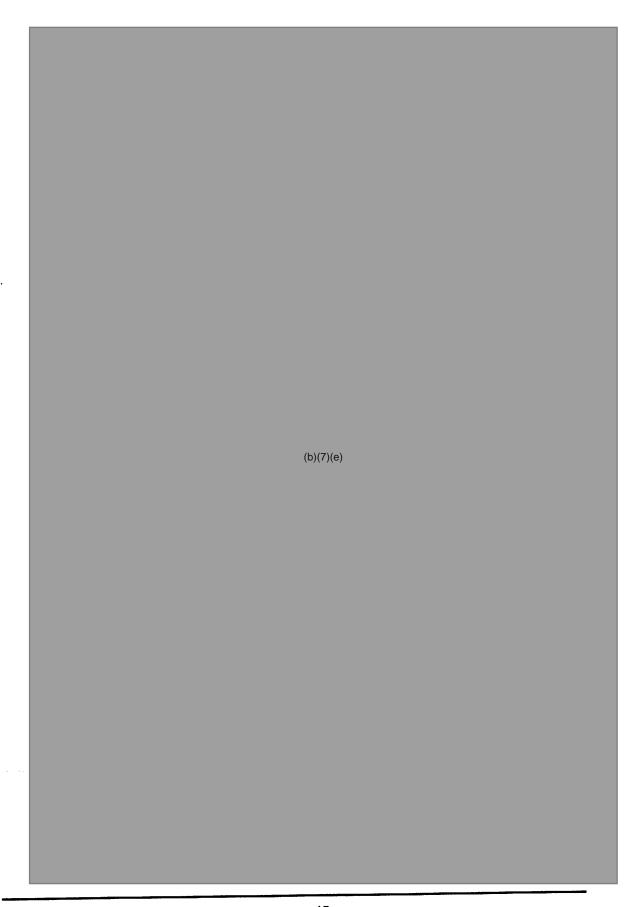
Facility administrator shall develop plans in response to escapes or reports of a missing child.

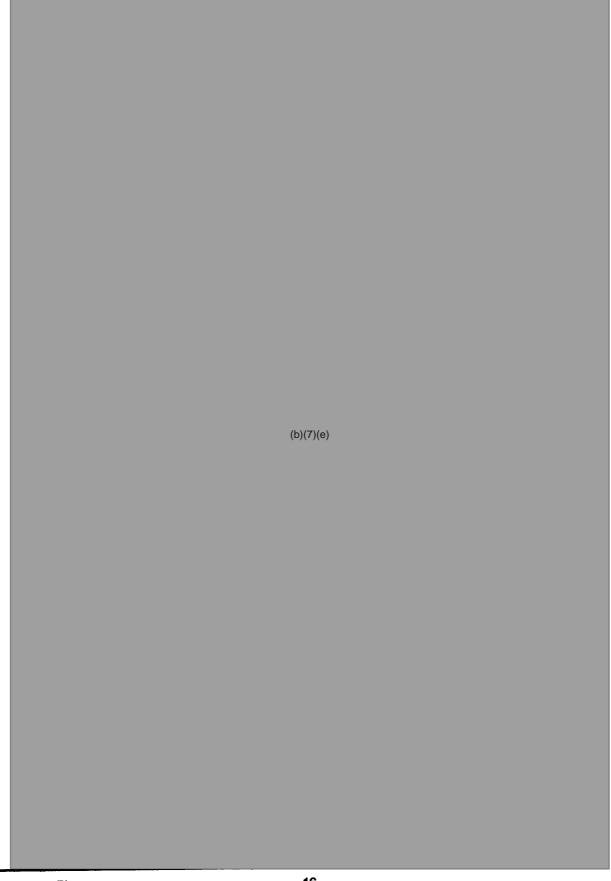
- 1).. The facility administrator shall deploy staff to primary, secondary, and directional escape posts, designating a timekeeper/recorder for each:
  - Primary. Fixed and mobile posts near the facility;
  - Secondary. Fixed and mobile posts beyond the immediate facility area:
  - Directional Posts. No fixed location and based on situational intelligence that indicates a direction for the search.
  - 2). The facility administrator shall immediately notify local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies of the escape or report of a missing child.

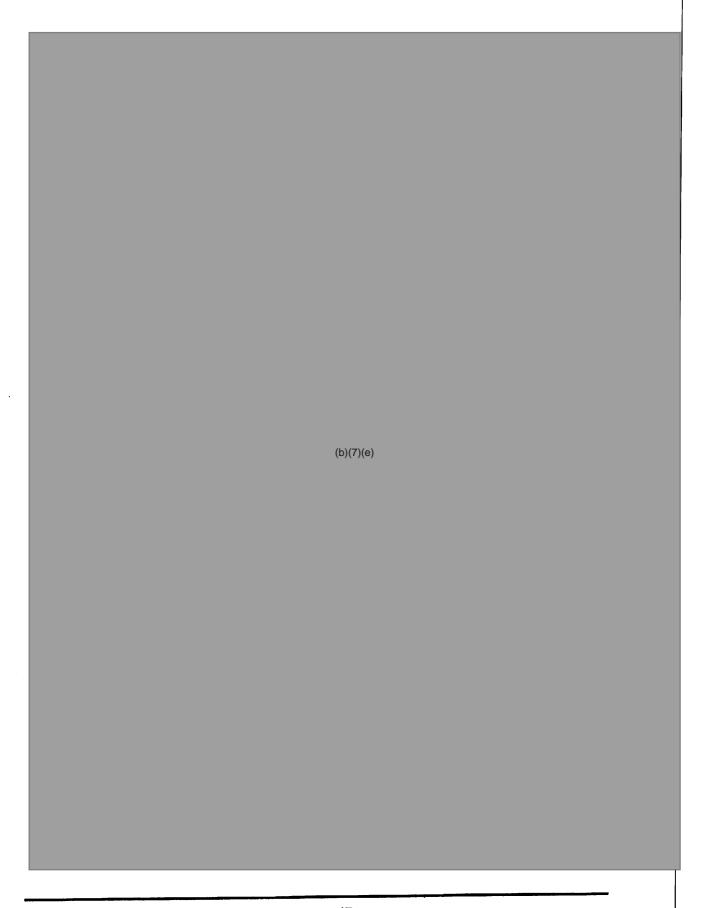
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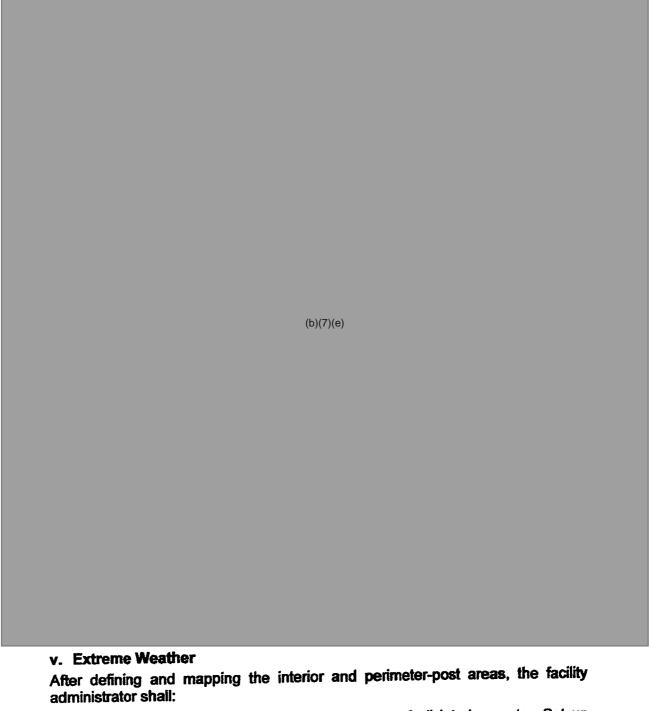












- Prepare a separate map showing locations of all interior posts. Set up and equip fog-patrol posts; establish procedures and assign responsibility for ensuring equipment is available and in working order at all times.
- Prepare another map showing locations of all perimeter/exterior posts.
   Store multiple copies of the interior and perimeter-post maps in the Control Center and Incident Command Center.

#### aa. Evacuation

It is suggested that facilities enter into contract negotiations with vendors who are 75 – 100 miles from their facilities to provide resources at an agreed upon cost in advance of potential emergency events. The purpose of this is, if the local area is affected, community resources will ordinarily be directed towards hospitals, nursing homes, schools, etc.

- The facility's plan shall factor in all variables, and combinations of variables, that may precipitate or affect a mass evacuation, such as the following contingencies, and their repercussions:
  - (a) Minimal warning/preparation time;
  - (b) Weather-related complications for example, tornadoes, hurricanes, blizzards, etc.
  - (c) An area-wide disaster would limit facility access to State and local emergency services (police, fire department, hospitals, military) and transportation provider;
  - (d).At least 10 percent of the staff fail to respond when recalled. The type and scope of the emergency would determine whether and by how much that percentage might increase.
  - 2) For every evacuation scenario, the plan shall:
    - (a) Identify and prepare a list of suppliers to provide essentials during the emergency;
    - (b) Prepare an alternative list, identifying product substitutions and alternative suppliers;
    - (c) Assign priorities among the essentials listed, recognizing the likelihood of shortages occurring during an area-wide emergency.
  - The facility administrator shall secure as many signed contracts, agreements, and commitments for transportation and supplies when needed Federal and other public-sector resources are unavailable.

# 4). Pre-Evacuation Procedures

- (a) Emergency staff recall (time permitting);
- (b) Implement procedures to retrieve/pack residents' personal property, central files, medical records, etc.;
- (c) implement department-by-department procedures to transport material needed to conduct daily operations at the temporary site: personnel files, blank rosters, forms, etc.;
- (d) Deploy emergency equipment;
- (e) Notify State and local authorities; and
- (f) Conduct (exit) emergency count.

# 5) Facility Shutdown

- (a) Verify the count;
- (b) implement the internal search plan, if appropriate;
- (c) Apply emergency utility controls; and

- (d) Secure the site, to extent possible.
- 6) Transition to Temporary Site
  - (a) Confirm the previously projected number of vehicles needed for:
    - Residents
    - Supplies.
  - (b) Record vehicular data, including number and source(s);
  - (c) Reconfirm security arrangements with other ICE/DRO components, the Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Marshals Service, local and State agencies, and the military;
  - (d) Confirm staffing/assignments, including TDY arrangements.

## (7) Family Management

- (a) Provide a plan of action to accommodate management of family units during emergencies.
- (b) Develop a response plan when family units are separated temporarily or permanently due to unexpected illness, evacuation, or unforeseen circumstance causing an unexpected and unavoidable separation of minors and the parents or guardians.

### aa. Nationwide Lockdown

In the event there is a compelling need to secure all ICE/DRO facilities, the JFRMU shall notify Field Office Directors, who shall notify the facility administrators to implement restrictive movement plans in family residential centers.

- 1) The facility administrator shall implement the following procedures:
  - (a) Emergency count;
  - (b) Staff briefing (may include interim increase to 12-hour shifts);
  - (c) Suspend resident access to telephones and televisions;
  - (d) Suspend visitation. Designated staff shall attempt to contact individuals with visits planned. Residents may notify interested persons of the lockdown and suspension of visits by mail;
  - (e) Initiate staff secure movements within the facility;
  - (f) Activate the Incident Command Post;
  - (g) Contact specialized personnel and teams, as appropriate, etc.);
- 2) The facility administrator shall inform the residents, in writing, why restrictions are necessary, what to expect, and how long it is likely to last. The facility administrator shall provide this resident notification as soon as possible after implementing the necessary procedures (as provided in preceding paragraph).
- 3) Health Services staff shall return to their regularly scheduled duties.

- 4) When the nationwide lockdown is terminated, the facility administrator shall:
  - Relax the restriction systematically, according to written procedures.
  - Implement a Recovery Plan.

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# ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE: High facility standards of cleanliness and sanitation, safe work practices, and control of hazardous substances and equipment are employed at the facility, thereby protecting residents, staff, volunteers, and contractors from injury and illness.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Maintenance of facility cleanliness and sanitation.
  - 2. Compliance with all applicable safety and sanitation laws, ensured by documented internal and external inspections and corrective action when indicated.
  - 3. Compliance with all applicable fire safety codes. Facility furnishings will meet fire safety performance requirements. Periodic safety drills will be scheduled.
  - 4. Control and safe use of flammable, poisonous, toxic, and caustic materials.
  - 5. Written plans and training will advise staff of required procedures in emergency situations, including those that require evacuation from the facility.
  - 6. A plan providing for immediate release of residents from locked areas, will be in place and will include a secondary back-up system.
  - 7. Emergency exits will be clearly marked, clear from obstruction, sufficient in number, and properly positioned.
  - 8. The need for emergency repairs will be negated and if necessary, replacement parts will be available to minimize or avoid the creation of life-threatening situations.
  - 9. Disease transfer will be minimized by proper sanitation of barbering equipment and supplies.
  - 10. Pests and vermin pests will be controlled and eliminated.
  - 11. The facility's potable water source will be safe.
  - 12. Emergency lighting and life-sustaining functions will be maintained and periodically tested.
  - 13. Garbage and hazardous waste will be disposed of safely and in compliance with applicable government regulations.
  - 14. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 15. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

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**NFPA Standards** 

U.S. Public Health Service Report on Carcinogens

### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES - HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Every facility shall establish a system for storing, issuing, using, and maintaining inventories of and accountability for hazardous materials. The effectiveness of any such system depends on written policies, procedures and precautions, and also on adequate supervision and responsible behavior of staff and residents to precisely follow instructions and take prescribed precautions, including the use of safety equipment.

A list of common flammable, toxic, and caustic substances is included at the end of this Residential Standard as Table A.

# 1. Personal Responsibility

Every individual who uses a hazardous substance must:

- a. Be knowledgeable about and follow all prescribed precautions,
- b. Wear personal protective equipment when indicated, and
- c. Immediately report hazards or spills to the designated authority.

# 2. Protective Equipment

- a. Protective eye and face equipment shall be required where there is a reasonable probability of injury that can be prevented by such equipment. These areas of the facility shall be conspicuously marked with eye hazard warning signs.
- b. OSHA-approved eyewash stations shall be installed in designated areas throughout the facility, and all employees and residents in those areas shall be instructed in their use.

#### 3. Inventories

Every area shall maintain a running inventory of the hazardous substances (flammable, toxic, or caustic) used and stored there. Inventory records shall be separately maintained for each substance and entries for each logged on a separate card (or equivalent) that is filed alphabetically showing dates, quantities, etc.

### 4. Material Safety Data Sheets Files

Every department or other area of the facility using hazardous substances shall maintain a file of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) that includes a list of the locations where hazardous substances are stored, along with a plant diagram and legend. Department heads are responsible for providing a copy of each file to the Safety Officer and Maintenance Supervisor.

- a. MSDSs provide vital information on individual hazardous substances, including instructions on safe handling, storage, disposal, prohibited interactions, etc.
- b. Staff and residents shall readily have continuous access to the MSDSs for the substances with which they are working.
- c. Because changes in MSDSs occur often and without broad notice, staff must:
  - 1) Review the latest issuance from the manufacturers of the relevant substances.
  - 2) Update the MSDS files as necessary, and
  - 3) Forward any changes to the Maintenance Supervisor, so that copy is kept current.

#### 5. Master Index

The Maintenance Supervisor shall compile all of the following:

- a. A master index of all hazardous substances in the facility and their locations,
- b. A master file of MSDSs, and
- c. A comprehensive, up-to-date list of emergency phone numbers (fire department, poison control center, etc.).

The Maintenance Supervisor shall maintain this information in the safety office (or equivalent), and a copy shall be provided the local fire department.

Documentation of all reviews shall be maintained in the MSDS master file.

# 6. General Guidelines Regarding Hazardous Substances

**issuance.** Flammable, caustic, and toxic substances (hazardous substances) shall be issued (that is, drawn from supply points to canisters or dispensed) only under the supervision of the designated staff.

Amounts. All hazardous substances shall be issued in single-day increments, that is, the amount needed for one day's work.

Supervision. Qualified staff shall closely monitor residents working with hazardous substances.

Accountability. Inventory records for a hazardous substance must be kept current before, during, and after each use.

## 7. Flammable and Combustible Liquids

- a. Any liquid or aerosol labeled "Flammable" or "Combustible" must be stored and used as prescribed on the label required by the Federal Hazardous Substances Labeling Act.
- b. Lighting fixtures and electrical equipment installed in flammable liquid storage rooms must meet National Electrical Code requirements in hazardous locations.
- c. Every hazardous material storage room shall:
  - 1) Be of fire-resistant construction and properly secured;
  - 2) Have self-closing fire doors at each opening;
  - 3) Be constructed with either a four-inch sill or a four-inch depressed floor; and
  - 4) Have a ventilation system (mechanical or gravity flow) within 12 inches of the floor, which provides at least six air changes per hour.
- d. Every storage cabinet shall:
  - 1) Be constructed according to code and securely locked at all times;
  - 2) Stand clear of open passageways, stairways, and other emergency exit areas;
  - 3) Be conspicuously labeled: "Flammable -- Keep Fire Away"; and
  - 4) Contain not more than 60 gallons of Class I or Class II liquids, or more than 120 gallons of Class III liquids.
- e. Storage rooms and cabinets may be entered only under secure conditions and under the supervision of authorized staff.
- f. A portable container that is not the original shipping containers must be an approved safety can, listed or labeled by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. Each shall bear a legible label that identifies its contents.
- g. Excess liquids shall remain in original containers, tightly closed, in the storage room or cabinet.
- h. The MSDS shall govern use of a particular flammable or combustible liquid.
- i. Only authorized staff may dispense flammable and combustible liquids, using acceptable methods for drawing or transferring these liquids.

Drawing from or transferring any of these liquids into containers indoors is prohibited except:

- Through a closed piping system;
- 2) From a safety can;

- 3) By a device drawing through the top; or
- 4) By gravity, through an approved self-closing system.

An approved grounding and bonding system must be used when liquids are dispensed from drums.

- j. Without exception, cleaning liquids must have a flash point at or above 100° F (for example, Stoddard solvents, kerosene). Cleaning operations must be in an approved parts-cleaner or dip tank fitted with a fusible link lid with a 160° F melting-temperature link.
- k. Staff shall follow MSDS directions:
  - 1) To dispose of excess flammable or combustible liquids.
  - 2) In case of a chemical spill.

### 8. Toxic and Caustic Substances

- a. All toxic and caustic materials must be stored in secure areas, in their original containers, with the manufacturer's label intact on each container.
- b. Authorized staff only shall draw/dispense these substances, in accordance with the applicable Material Safety Data Sheet(s).
- c. Staff shall either return unused amounts to the original container(s) or, under certain circumstances, to another suitable, clearly labeled container in the storage area.
- d. MSDS directions shall determine the disposal and spill procedures for toxic and caustic materials used in the facility.

### 9. Poisonous Substances

Poisonous substances or chemicals pose a very high (Class I) caustic hazard due to their toxicity, for example, methyl alcohol, sulfuric acid, muriatic acid, caustic soda, tannic acid, etc.

Methyl alcohol, variously referred to as wood alcohol and methanol, is commonly found in industrial applications (for example, shellac thinner, paint solvent, duplicating fluid, solvents for leather cements and dyes, flushing fluid for hydraulic brake systems):

- a. If ingested, methyl alcohol can cause permanent blindness or death.
- b. Staff must directly supervise the use of any product containing methyl alcohol, except for products containing methyl alcohol in a much diluted state. If shoe dye that contains methyl alcohol is issued to residents, it may contain only the smallest workable quantity of methyl alcohol.
- c. Immediate medical attention is vital any time methyl alcohol poisoning is suspected.

### 10. Other Toxic Substances

- a. Permanent antifreeze containing ethylene glycol shall be stored in a locked area and dispensed only by authorized staff.
- b. Typewriter cleaner containing carbon tetrachloride or tricholorochane shall be dispensed in small quantities and used under direct staff supervision.
- c. Cleaning fluids containing carbon tetrachloride or tetrachloride or tricholoroethylene must be strictly controlled.
- d. Glues of every type may contain hazardous chemicals. When use of a nontoxic product is not possible, staff must closely supervise all stages of handling. The toxic glues must be stored in a locked location.
- e. The use of dyes and cements for leather requires close supervision. Nonflammable types shall be used whenever possible.
- f. Ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, and other antiseptic products shall be stored and used in the medical department only, under close supervision. To the extent practicable, such chemicals shall be diluted and issued only in small quantities so as to prevent any injuries or lethal accumulation.
- g. Pesticides not approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, such as DDT and 1080 (sodium fluoracetate), are prohibited. The Maintenance Supervisor is responsible for purchasing, storing (in a locked area), and dispensing all pesticides used in the facility.
- h. The Maintenance Supervisor or other staff member responsible for herbicides must hold a current state license as a Certified Private Applicator. Persons applying herbicides must wear proper clothing and protective gear.
- i. Lyes may be used only in dye solutions and only under the direct supervision of staff.

# 11. Labeling of Chemicals, Solvents, and Other Hazardous Materials

The facility administrator shall individually assign the following responsibilities associated with the labeling procedure:

- a. Identifying the hazardous nature of materials adopted for use;
- Requiring use of property labeled containers for hazardous materials, including any and all miscellaneous containers into which employees might transfer the material;
- Teaching staff the meaning of the classification code and the MSDS, including the safe handling procedures for each material, and impressing on staff the need to ensure containers are properly labeled; and
- d. Placing correct labels on all smaller containers when only the larger shipping container bears the manufacturer-affixed label.

### 12. Controlled Hazardous Materials

Certain substances require special treatment, including careful planning before use,

which goes beyond attention to the warning label. These controlled materials are classified according to the type of hazard and the nature of the restrictions imposed for their safe use, as specified in OSHA regulations.

Class I: Industrial Solvents. These include industrial solvents and chemicals used as paint thinners, degreasers, and cleaning agents that may have toxic properties and low flash points, making them dangerous fire hazards.

Class II: Restricted Materials. Beryllium, its alloys and compounds, and silver solder containing cadmium pose a danger to workers, for whom special precautions must be taken.

Class III: Recognized Carcinogens. OSHA-listed carcinogens are governed by the OSHA regulations provided in 29 CFR 1910.1000.

Although asbestos appears on the OSHA list, it is exempt from the regulation when:

- No asbestos fibers will be released into the air during handling and use; and
- The asbestos consists of firmly bound fibers contained in a product, for example, a transit pipe, wallboard, or tile (except when being sawed or otherwise handled in a way that releases fibers into the air).

Class IV: Suspected Carcinogenic, Teratogenic, and Mutagenic Materials. Chemical agents, substances, mixtures, and exposures listed in the biennial Report on Carcinogens issued by the U.S. Public Health Service, in accordance with the Public Health Service Act; the Maintenance Supervisor shall ensure the facility has and complies with the provisions of the latest edition.

# VI. EXPECTED PRACTICES - FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

## 1. Fire Safety Codes

Every facility shall comply with standards and regulations issued by:

- a. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and OSHA,
- b. The American Correctional Association "mandatory" Expected Practices,

Mandatory ACA Expected Practice 4-ALDF-1C-07 requires that the facility conform to applicable federal, state, and/or local fire safety codes, and that the authority having jurisdiction document compliance. A fire alarm and automatic detection system are required, as approved by the authority having jurisdiction (or there is a plan for addressing these or other deficiencies within a reasonable time period). If the authority approves any variance, exceptions, or equivalencies, they must not constitute a serious life-safety threat to the occupants of the facility.

- c. Local and national fire safety codes, and
- d. The applicable standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials, American National Standards Institute, and Underwriters' Laboratories or Factory Mutual Engineering Corporation.

New construction, alterations, and renovations, shall comply with:

- a. The latest revision or update of the BOCA National Building Code (issued by Building Officials and Code Administrators International),
- b. The Uniform Building Code, or
- c. The Standard Building Code, in accordance with 40 USC Title 619 and local law.

If the local government does not mandate adherence to a particular code, construction must conform to the BOCA National Building Code.

In addition, the construction shall comply with the latest edition of the National Fire Protection Association's NFPA 101, Life Safety Code and National Fire Codes (NFCs). If the fire protection and life safety requirements of a local building code differ from NFPA 101 or the NFCs, the requirements of NFPA 101 and the NFCs shall take precedence and be recognized as equivalent to the local building code.

### 2. Inspections

A qualified departmental staff member shall conduct weekly fire and safety inspections.

Facility maintenance (safety) staff shall conduct monthly inspections.

Written reports of the inspections shall be forwarded to the facility administrator for review and, if necessary, corrective action determinations. The Safety Officer and Maintenance Supervisor shall maintain inspection reports and records of corrective action in the safety office.

# 3. Fire Prevention, Control, and Evacuation Plan

Every facility shall develop a fire prevention, control, and evacuation plan to include, among other things, the following:

- a. Control of ignition sources;
- b. Control of combustible and flammable fuel load sources;
- c. Provisions for occupant protection from fire and smoke;
- d. Inspection, testing, and maintenance of fire protection equipment, in accordance with NFPA codes, etc.;
- e. Monthly fire inspections;
- f. Installing fire protection equipment throughout the facility, in accordance with NFPA 101, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers;
- g. Accessible, current floor plans (buildings and rooms); prominently posted evacuation maps/plans; exit signs and directional arrows for traffic flow; with a copy of each revision filed with the local fire department;
- h. Conspicuously posted exit diagram conspicuously posted for and in each area.

#### 4. Fire Drills

Monthly fire drills shall be conducted and documented separately in each facility department.

a. Fire drills in housing units, medical clinics, and other areas occupied or staffed

- during non-working hours shall be timed so that employees on each shift participate in an annual drill.
- b. Residents shall be evacuated during fire drills, except in areas where safety would be jeopardized or in medical areas where patient health could be jeopardized or, in individual cases when evacuation of patients is logistically not feasible. Where residents are not evacuated, staff shall simulate drills.
- c. Emergency-key drills shall be included in each fire drill, and timed. Emergency keys shall be drawn and used by the appropriate staff to unlock one set of emergency exit doors not in daily use. NFPA recommends a limit of four and one-half minutes for drawing keys and unlocking emergency doors.

### 5. Exit Diagram

In addition to a general area diagram, the following information must be provided on existing signs:

- a. English and Spanish instructions;
- b. "You Are Here" markers;
- c. Emergency equipment locations.

New signs and sign replacements shall also identify and explain "Areas of Safe Refuge."

# VII. EXPECTED PRACTICES - HAIR CUTTING OPERATIONS

Sanitation in hair cutting operations is of the utmost concern because of the possible transfer of diseases through direct contact or by towels, combs and clippers. Towels must not be reused after use on one person. Instruments such as combs, clippers and scissors shall not be used successively on residents without proper cleaning and disinfecting.

- For sanitation reasons, it is preferable that hair-cutting operations be located in a separate room, with hot and cold running water, that is not used for any other purpose. The floors, walls, and ceilings should be smooth, nonabsorbent, and easily cleaned, and there should be sufficient light.
- Each hair cutting room should be provided with all equipment and facilities necessary for maintaining sanitary procedures for hair care, including covered metal containers for waste, disinfectants, dispensable headrest covers, laundered towels, and haircloths.
- Between resident "customers," all hair care tools that came in contact with a resident shall be cleaned and effectively disinfected. Ultraviolet lights are appropriate after sterilization only for maintaining the tools.

- 4. Detailed hair care sanitation regulations should be conspicuously posted in each barbershop for the use of all hair care personnel and residents. Cotton pads, absorbent cotton, and other single or dispensable toilette articles may not be reused, and shall be placed in a proper waste receptacle immediately after use. The common use of brushes, neck duster, shaving mugs, and shaving brushes must be prohibited.
- 5. No barber or beautician shall serve any resident when the skin of the resident's face, neck, or scalp is inflamed, scaling, contains pus, or is erupted, unless service of such resident is performed in accordance with the specific authorization of the Chief Medical Staff. No person who is infested with head lice shall be served.

## VIII. EXPECTED PRACTICES - MEDICAL OPERATIONS

### 1. Needles and Other Sharp Objects

An established uniform procedure shall be provided for the safe handling and disposal of used needles and other potentially sharp objects to prevent both mechanical injury and the percutaneous transmission of infectious disease organisms, especially the hepatitis B virus (HBV) and the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Accidental injuries from sharp objects (sharps) are common in health care programs, mostly from needle sticks caused by attempting to recap hypodermic needles. A uniform procedure for used needles and other disposable sharps is necessary to reduce the number of such injuries by preventing the secondary handling of needles and other dangerous sharp objects used in the delivery of medical care.

Sharps are defined as all disposable or discarded items derived from resident care that could potentially transmit disease via direct subdermal inoculation. Items included are: hypodermic needles and syringes, scalpel blades, glass vials or ampoules, containing materials deemed to be infectious, burrs, glass cartridges, or lancets.

# 2. Standard Precautions (previously termed "Universal Precautions")

Staff shall routinely take precautions to prevent contact with blood or other body fluids.

a. Gloves shall be worn for touching blood and body fluids, mucous membranes, or non-intact skin of all patients, for handling items or surfaces soiled with blood or body fluids, and for performing venipuncture and other vascular access procedures.

Gloves shall be changed after contact with each resident.

- b. Masks and protective eye wear or face shields shall be worn during procedures that are likely to generate droplets of blood or other body fluids, to prevent exposure of mucous membranes of the mouth nose or eyes.
- c. Gowns or aprons shall be worn during procedures that are likely to generate splashes of blood or other body fluids.
- d. Hands and other skin surfaces shall be washed immediately and thoroughly if contaminated with blood or other body fluids. Hands shall be washed immediately after gloves are removed.

- e. All health-care workers shall take precautions to prevent injuries caused by needles, scalpels, and other sharp instruments or devices during procedures, when cleaning used instruments, during disposal of used needles, and when handling sharp instruments after procedures.
- f. To prevent needle stick injuries, needles shall not be recapped, purposely bent or broken by hand, removed from disposable syringes, or otherwise manipulated by hand. After use, disposable syringes and needles, scalpel blades, and other sharp items shall be placed in puncture-resistant containers for disposal.
- g. Large-bore reusable needles shall be placed in a puncture resistant container for transport to the reprocessing area.
- h. Although saliva has not been implicated in HIV transmission, to minimize the need for emergency mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, mouthpieces, resuscitation bags or other ventilation devices shall be available for use in areas in which the need for resuscitation is predictable.
- Health-care workers who have exudative lesions or weeping dermatitis shall refrain from all direct patient care and from handling patient care equipment until the condition resolves.
- j. Pregnant health-care workers are not known to be at greater risk of contracting HIV infection than health-care workers who are not pregnant; however, if a health care worker develops HIV infection during pregnancy, the infant is at risk of infection from perinatal transmission. Because of this risk, pregnant health care workers shall be especially familiar with and strictly adhere to precautions to minimize the risk of HIV transmission.

Implementation of universal blood and body fluid precautions for all residents eliminates the need for the use of isolation category of "Blood and Body Fluid Precautions" previously recommended by the Centers for Disease Control for individuals known or suspected to be infected with blood-borne pathogens. Isolation precautions shall be used as necessary if associated conditions, such as infectious diarrhea or tuberculosis, are diagnosed or suspected.

### 3. Accidental Needle Sticks

Should an individual receive a needle stick or be cut while handling potentially contaminated sharps, he or she shall be counseled regarding baseline testing for HBV and HIV and referred to their usual source of health care. If the injury also involves a person who is a known source of possible infection, that person shall also be tested for HBV and HIV. The incident shall be immediately reported as an occupational injury and documented in accordance with applicable regulations for commissioned staff and civil service employees, respectively.

The leading health service provider's exposure-control plan shall be followed in the event of a needle stick.

### 4. Inventory

An inventory shall be kept of those items that pose a security risk, such as sharp instruments, syringes, needles, and scissors and shall be checked weekly by an

individual designated by the medical facility Health Service Administrator (HSA) or equivalent.

### 5. Handling

Without removing, the needles or replacing the needle covers, staff shall place used (disposable) syringes in a plastic disposal box or container.

### a. Disposal Containers

Use only commercially available, biohazardous-waste sharps containers approved by the National Institute of Safety and Health (for example, a "Winfield Sharps Container.").

Since they have been found to puncture easily, do not use milk cartons or plastic milk jugs or other plastic containers of similar thickness.

Containers shall be of approximately two-gallon capacity in order to be of sufficient size to receive various types of sharps.

Under no circumstances shall an item be removed from the container.

#### b. Location

Containers shall be located on top of counters or, if on the wall, at least five feet above ground, and shall never sit on the floor.

### c. Disposal

When the disposal box is one-half to two-thirds full, the lid shall be closed and locked, tape shall be placed over the top of the lid to indicate that it is ready for disposal. The container shall be labeled with the words "infectious waste" or with the universal biohazard symbol, and placed in the proper area for removal and disposal.

Sharps shall be considered as infectious waste, and final disposal of the container and contents shall be through a commercial contractor that handles disposal of infectious waste in accordance with all local and federal regulations.

The HSA shall make arrangements for disposal with an approved contractor and is responsible for validating that the contractor's disposal methods are in accordance with all infectious and hazardous waste disposal laws and regulations. Arrangements shall be made with local hospitals, if possible, for disposal with the hospitals' own infectious waste.

# 6. Environmental Health in Medical Operations

While many of the following considerations, precautions, and specific procedures apply to situations that typically arise in medical operations, they are applicable wherever such incidents arise.

Blood and body fluid clean-up, for example, could be needed anywhere in a facility after a work-related injury or a use-of-force incident.

### a. General Housekeeping

The key to the prevention and control of nosocomial infections due to contaminated

environmental surfaces is environmental cleanliness. Responsibility for ensuring the cleanliness of the medical facility lies with the HSA or with an individual designated by the HSA or other health care provider.

Using an acceptable health agency standard as a model, the HSA shall establish:

- 1) Cleaning equipment; cleansers; disinfectants and detergents to be used,
- 2) Methods of cleaning, and
- 3) The frequency of cleaning and inspections.

The HSA or designee shall make a daily visual inspection of the medical facility noting the condition of floors, walls, windows, horizontal surfaces, and equipment.

Proper housekeeping procedures include the cleaning of surfaces touched by residents or staff with fresh solutions of appropriate disinfectant products, applied with clean cloths, mops, or wipes. Cleaned surfaces need not be monitored microbiologically since the results of such tests have been shown not to correlate with infection risk. Floors, walls, beds, tables, and other surfaces that usually come in contact with intact skin require low-level disinfection.

Since these surfaces are rarely associated with the transmission of infections to patients or personnel, extraordinary attempts to disinfect or sterilize these surfaces are not indicated.

Horizontal surfaces in resident care areas are cleaned on a regular basis, when soiling or spills occur and in short-stay units when a resident is discharged. Cleaning of walls, blinds, or curtains is indicated only when visibly soiled.

Ordinarily, the Chief Nurse (or equivalent) is responsible for training all staff and residents in using proper housekeeping procedures and proper handling of hazardous materials and chemicals.

# 1). General Cleaning

- a) All horizontal surfaces shall be damp-dusted daily with an approved germicidal solution.
- b) Windows, window frames, and windowsills shall be cleaned on a regular schedule, but do not require daily cleaning.
- c) Furniture and fixtures shall be cleaned daily.
- d) Floors shall be mopped daily and when soiled using the double-bucket mopping technique, and with a hospital disinfectant-detergent solution mixed according to the manufacturers directions. A clean mop head shall be used each time the floors are mopped.
- e) Waste containers shall be lined with plastic bags and the liner shall be changed daily. The container itself shall be washed at least weekly, or as needed when it becomes soiled.

f) Cubicle curtains shall be laundered monthly or during terminal cleaning following treatment of an infectious patient.

### 2). Isolation Cleaning

- a) An approved germicidal detergent solution shall be freshly prepared in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications for each cleaning.
- b) After cleaning the isolation room, mops and cleaning cloths shall be laundered before being reused.
- c) Dirty water and used disinfecting solutions shall be discarded and the buckets and basins disinfected before being refilled. Items used in cleaning an isolation (contaminated) room shall never be taken into another area.
- d) Linens shall be carefully removed from the bed and double bagged for transport.
- e) All waste materials shall be double bagged and disposed of as contaminated waste.

### 3). Terminal Cleaning

- a) Every item in the room must be cleaned with an approved hospital germicidal solution.
- b) When applicable, linen shall be stripped from the bed, with care taken not to shake linen. Linen shall be folded away from the person and folded inward into a bundle, then removed with minimal agitation.
- c) When applicable, all reusable receptacles such as drainage bottles, urinals, bedpans, water pitchers shall be emptied and rinsed with germicidal solutions.
- d) All equipment that is not to be discarded, such as IV poles, respirators and suction machines, shall be washed with an approved germicidal solution following manufacturer's guidelines for cleaning the specific piece of equipment.
- e) When applicable, mattresses and pillows covered with durable plastic covers shall be thoroughly washed with the approved germicidal solution.
- f) When applicable, beds shall be washed thoroughly using a small brush soaked in the germicidal solution to gain access to small holes and crevices, to areas between the springs, and the casters.
- g) All furniture shall be washed with a germicidal detergent solution. Use a small brush if necessary. Outside and underside as well as legs and casters must also be washed.
- h) Wastebaskets shall be thoroughly washed with a germicidal solution after trash has been removed.
- Telephones shall be thoroughly cleaned with a clean cloth soaked in the germicidal solution. The earpiece and mouthpiece shall be unscrewed,

scrubbed, dried, and replaced.

- j) Walls and ceilings need not be washed entirely, but areas that are obviously soiled shall be washed with germicidal solution.
- k) All toys and recreational equipment remaining in medical clinic area shall be disinfected daily.

### 4) Choice of Disinfecting Materials

Hospital grade disinfectant-detergent formulations registered by the Environmental Protection Agency may be used for environmental surface cleaning, but the physical removal of microorganisms by scrubbing is probably as important as any antimicrobial effect of the cleaning agent used.

Therefore cost, safety, and acceptance by staff can be the criteria for selecting any such registered agent. The manufacturer's instructions for use shall be followed exactly.

### b. Blood and Body Fluid Clean-up

Spills of blood and body fluids shall be cleaned up and the surface decontaminated in such a manner as to minimize the possibility of workers becoming exposed to infectious organisms, including HIV and HBV. A suitable cleanup kit shall be maintained for use in cases of spills of blood and body fluids. Cleanup kits may be obtained from commercial sources, or kits may be put together by ICE/DRO HSD staff or leading health care provider.

## 1). Making a Clean-up Kit

To prepare a cleanup kit for blood and body fluid spills, package the following materials in a 12" x 15" clear" Ziploc" bag:

- a) Gloves, rubber or vinyl, household type, (2 pair)Clean absorbent rags (4)
- b) Absorbent paper towels (15)
- c) Disposable bag marked "Contaminated" size 23"x10"x39", minimum thickness 1.5 mils. Clear plastic bag 13"x10"x39", minimum thickness 1.5 mils.
- d) Bottle of "hospital disinfectant" (containing quaternary ammonium chlorides in at least 0.8% dilution), or a bottle of household bleach such as "Clorox" or "Purex" (5.25 % sodium hypochlorite).

# 2) Selection of Disinfectants

Quaternary disinfectants are less effective against Hepatitis B, while dilute solutions of sodium hypochlorite are reported extremely effective against both HIV and the Hepatitis B virus and therefore have been recommended for use in environmental decontamination procedures rather than quaternary ammonium compounds. Chlorine in solution inactivates virus quickly and efficiently but must reach the virus particles to do so.

Proteinaceous materials may interfere with the ability of the appropriate

disinfectant solution to reach the virus particles. Since quaternary disinfecting compounds may act as a detergent as well as a disinfectant, their use may help in the cleaning and removal of proteinaceous materials from surfaces.

A facility may wish to use one of these compounds to help clean the surface and then follow with the use of chlorine solution for final disinfection. Using one disinfectant compound rather than two would keep the procedure as simple as possible. By following the mechanical procedure listed in the article, most blood or fluids would be removed from the surface before application of the disinfectant, so the use of sodium hypochlorite solution shall be sufficient.

### 3) Selection of Gloves

Household or industrial rubber gloves have been recommended for use rather than surgical rubber gloves. Surgical gloves are somewhat porous and are less resistant to mechanical damage and punctures during cleanup procedures.

# 4) Use of Residents as Housekeeping Workers

Resident workers may be used to assist in cleaning the medical facility. Residents shall be allowed to clean floors, walls, and to remove trash, but shall not be allowed to clean medical equipment.

### 5) Instructions for Use of Clean-Up Kit

- a). Open the bag and remove the supplies.
- b) Depending on the type of disinfectant in the kit, take out bottle of "hospital disinfectant," or prepare a dilute solution of sodium hypochlorite. To prepare a 1:10 dilution of 5.25% sodium hypochlorite, mix 1 part of 5.25% sodium hypochlorite (common household bleach) with 10 parts water.
- c) Open the large clear plastic bag and the large bag marked "Contaminated." Place them next to each other.
- d) Put on one pair of gloves.
- e) Use paper towels to absorb as much of the fluid as possible; then place paper towels in the large clear plastic bag.
- f) Pour the solution carefully onto the spill area. Dispose of the empty bottle in the large, clear plastic bag. Leave disinfectant in place for 15 minutes.
- g) Use the rags to clean the area, and place rags in the large clear plastic bag.
- h) Tie off the clear plastic bag and place it inside the large plastic bag marked "Contaminated."
- j) Remove gloves carefully and place them in the plastic bag marked "Contaminated."
- j) Put on the second pair of gloves and tie the "Contaminated" trash bag closed.
- K) Dispose of the "Contaminated" trash bag properly in a contaminated-

waste receptacle.

- I) Dispose of the second pair of gloves in the contaminated-waste receptacle.
- m) Wash your hands.
- n) Prepare a new clean-up kit.

NOTE: Do not place linen or non-disposable articles in the "Contaminated" trash bag.

# c. Hazardous and Infectious Waste Disposal

Infectious and hazardous waste generated at a medical facility shall be stored and disposed of safely and in accordance with all applicable federal and state regulations.

For identified wastes that represent sufficient risk of causing infection or injury during handling and disposal some special precautions appear prudent.

### 1) Definitions

Hazardous or infectious waste is defined as: microbiology laboratory waste; human blood and blood products; sharps (all discarded items derived from patient care in medical facilities which could potentially transmit disease via direct subdermal inoculation or present a risk of injury & skin penetration); laboratory and other chemicals; certain drugs such as neoplastic.

Miscellaneous biomedical waste is defined as waste materials that are not specifically defined as infectious waste. Such waste includes bandages, dressings, casts, catheters, and disposable pads.

Waste from residents in isolation is not considered to be infectious waste unless it falls within the specific definition of infectious waste as stated above.

# 2) Collection and Storage

Infectious waste must be separated from the general waste stream and clearly labeled as infectious:

- a) Infectious waste shall be double-bagged and tied and labeled "Infectious Waste."
- b) The bags must be impermeable, commercially supplied red bags, intended specifically for biohazard waste storage.
- c) Miscellaneous biomedical waste shall be double-bagged and tied but need not be labeled as infectious.

# 3) Treatment and Disposal

Blood products and designated body fluids shall be poured slowly and carefully down a toilet to prevent splash. Compacting of untreated infectious waste is prohibited. The waste disposal contractor must meet all state or and local requirements for transportation and disposal.

# IX. EXPECTED PRACTICES - GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

### 1. General Environmental Health

Environmental health conditions shall be maintained at a level that meets recognized standards of hygiene, including those from the:

- a. American Correctional Association,
- b. Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Organization (JCAHO),
- c. Occupational Safety and Health Administration,
- d. Environmental Protection Agency,
- e. Food and Drug Administration,
- f. National Fire Protection Association's Life Safety Code, and
- g. National Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Health Services Department or Facility equivalent shall assist in the identification and correction of conditions that could adversely impact the health of residents, employees, and visitors. The facility sanitation consultant is responsible for developing and implementing policies, procedures, and guidelines for the environmental health program that are intended to evaluate and eliminate or control as necessary, sources of injuries and modes of transmission of agents or vectors of communicable diseases.

The sanitation consultant shall:

- a. Conduct special investigations and comprehensive surveys of environmental health conditions, and
- b. Provide advisory, consultative, inspection, and training services regarding environmental health conditions.

The medical facility Health Services Administrator is responsible for:

- a. Implementing a program that assists in maintaining a high level of environmental sanitation, and
- b. Providing recommendations to the facility administrator concerning environmental health conditions, in consultation with the sanitarian consultant.

## 2. General Housekeeping

The facility administrator shall ensure that staff and residents maintain a high standard of facility sanitation and general cleanliness. The **General Housekeeping** standards detailed above under **Environmental Health in Medical Operations** provide guidance for resident housing and similar areas.

#### 3. Pests and Vermin

The facility administrator shall contract with licensed pest-control professionals to perform monthly inspections to identify and eradicate rodents, insects, and vermin. The contract shall include a preventative spraying program for indigenous insects and the provision of call-back services as needed.

## 4. Certification of Facility Water Supply

An approved state laboratory shall test samples of drinking and wastewater to ensure compliance with applicable standards.

## 5. Emergency Electrical Power Generator

Emergency power generators shall be tested at least every two weeks for one hour, during which time, the oil, water, hoses, and belts shall be inspected for mechanical readiness to perform in an emergency situation.

The emergency generator shall also receive quarterly testing and servicing from an external generator service company (or otherwise in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions). Among other things, the technicians shall check starting battery voltage, generator voltage and amperage output.

Other emergency equipment and systems shall be tested quarterly, and needed followup repairs or replacement shall be accomplished as soon as feasible.

### 6. Garbage and Refuse

- 1) Refuse includes all garbage, rubbish, and other putrescible and non-putrescible solid waste, except the solid and liquid waste discharged into the sanitary sewer system of the facility.
- 2) Garbage and refuse shall be collected and removed as often as necessary to maintain sanitary conditions and to avoid creating health hazards.
- 3) Methods for handling and disposing of refuse affects the local environment, compliance with the requirements of local and federal agencies is essential.

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#### TABLE A

# Common Flammable, Toxic, and Caustic Substances

#### Class | Liquids

Gasoline

Benzene (Petroleum ether)

Acetone

Hexane

Lacquer

Lacquer thinner

Denatured alcohol

Ethyl alcohol

Xylene (Xylol)

Contact cement (flammable)

Toudi (Toluene)

Methyl ethyl ether

Class II Liquids

Methyl ethyl ketone

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Diesel fuel

Motor fuel

Kerosene

Cleaning solvents

Mineral spirits

Agitene

### Class III Liquids

Paint (oil base)

Linseed oil

Mineral oil

Neatsfoot oil

Sunray conditioner

Guardian fluid

### **Caustic Substances**

**Toxic Substances** 

Ammonia

Chlorine

**Antifreeze** 

**Defoliants** 

**Herbicides** 

**Pesticides** 

**Duplicating fluid** 

Methyl alcohol

Lve

Muriatic acid

Caustic soda

Sulfuric acid

Tannic acid

# ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

#### **GRIEVANCE SYSTEM**

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Residents are provided a procedure by which they may file formal grievances and receive timely responses.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Residents will be informed about the facility's informal and formal grievance system.
  - 2. Staff and residents will mutually resolve most complaints and grievances orally and informally in their daily interaction.
  - 3. Residents will be able to file formal grievances, and receive written responses, in a timely manner.
  - 4. Residents will be able to file emergency grievances that involve an immediate threat to their safety or welfare.
  - 5. Residents will be able to appeal decisions on grievances to a higher level (Resident Grievance Committee or designated single Grievance Staff) and, if still not satisfied, to the facility administrator.
  - 6. Accurate records will be maintained on grievances filed and their resolution.
  - 7. No resident will be harassed, disciplined, punished, or otherwise retaliated against for filing a complaint or grievance.
  - 8. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 9. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

#### IV. REFERENCES

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American Correctional Association Standards for Adult Local Residential Facilities, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition: 4-ALDF-2A-27, 6A-07, 6B-01.

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

### 1. Written Procedures Required

Each facility shall have written policy and procedures for a resident grievance system that:

- Establishes a procedure available to all residents to file a formal grievance
- Establishes reasonable time limits for:
  - o Processing, investigating, and responding to grievances
  - o Convening a grievance committee to review formal complaints
  - Providing written responses to residents who filed formal grievances, including the basis for the decision
- Establishes a special procedure for time-sensitive emergency grievances; and defines an "emergency grievance"
- Ensures each grievance receives supervisory review
- Provides at least one level of appeal
- Includes guarantees against reprisal.
- Ensures information, advice, and directions are provided to detainees in a language they can understand, or that interpretation/translation services are utilized.

# 2. Informing Residents About Grievance Procedures

The facility shall provide each resident, upon admittance, a copy of the resident handbook or equivalent form of communication, which provides notice of the following in English, Spanish, and other languages most widely spoken among the residents. Interpretation or translation services will be provided to residents who are not proficient in English. This shall contain a grievance section that provides notice of:

- The expectation that many complaints and grievances can and should be handled orally and informally by staff in their daily interaction with residents.
- The opportunity to file a grievance, both informal and formal.
- The procedures for filing a grievance and an appeal, including the availability of assistance in preparing a grievance.
- The procedures for resolving a grievance or appeal, including the right to have the grievance referred to higher levels if the resident is not satisfied that the grievance has been adequately resolved.
- The procedures for contacting the ICE/DRO to appeal a grievance decision of the facility administrator.
- The policy prohibiting staff from harassing, disciplining, punishing, or otherwise retaliating against any resident for filing a grievance

• The opportunity to file a complaint about staff misconduct directly to the Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Inspector General by calling (800) 323(6), (b)(7) or by writing to:

Department of Homeland Security 245 Murray Drive, S.E., Building 410 Washington, DC 20538 Attn: Office of Inspector General

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**Email to:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

#### 3. Grievance Procedure

### a. Informal/Oral Grievance

Staff at every facility shall make every effort to resolve a resident's complaint or grievance at the lowest level possible, in an orderly and timely manner.

Staff who receive a resident's oral complaint or grievance shall:

- 1) Attempt to resolve the issue informally if the issue is within his or her scope of responsibility, or
- 2) Notify the appropriate supervisor of the grievance as soon as practical.

The supervisor may try to resolve the matter or advise the resident to initiate a written grievance.

Informal oral resolution offers the resident the opportunity to resolve his or her cause for complaint before resorting to the more time-consuming written formal procedure.

The facility administrator, or designee, shall establish procedures for residents to orally present the issue of concern informally (as addressed in the Staff-Resident Communication Residential Standard.) Translating assistance shall be provided upon request.

If an oral grievance is resolved, the staff member need not provide the resident written confirmation of the outcome, but shall document the result for the record in the resident's residential file and in any logs or data systems the facility has to track such actions.

A resident is free to bypass or terminate the informal grievance process, and proceed to the formal grievance stage.

### b. Formal/Written Grievance

The facility administrator, or designee, shall allow a resident to submit a formal, written grievance to the facility's grievance committee, or a single designated grievance staff. A supply of grievance forms shall be available in each dayroom/common area, along with a locked box where residents may deposit grievances. The facility's designated grievance officer shall collect the grievances on a daily basis. Residents shall be given the opportunity to obtain preparation assistance from another resident or from facility staff.

Illiterate, disabled, or non-English speaking residents shall be provided additional assistance, upon request.

The resident may file a formal grievance after the event or unsuccessful conclusion of an informal grievance:

- 1) The facility administrator or designee shall ensure that procedures accommodate the need for special assistance to residents who are disabled, illiterate, or limited in English in preparing and pursuing a grievance.
- 2) Staff shall advise the resident that the grievance form may cover a single complaint, or a cluster of closely related issues that fall under a single subject. Each form should clearly state the resident's issues of concern, otherwise the form shall be returned to the resident for clarification. Staff shall provide the number of forms and envelopes the resident requests.
- 3) To prepare a grievance, a resident may obtain assistance from another resident in the same housing unit, the housing staff, other facility staff, family members, or legal representatives.
  - A resident may not submit a grievance on another resident's behalf, except a parent on behalf of his or her child.
- 4) If the resident claims that the issue is sensitive, or if the resident's safety or well-being would be jeopardized if others in the facility learn of the grievance, the resident has the right to seal the grievance in an envelope, clearly marked "Sensitive," and submit it directly to the facility administrator, or designee. The resident must include the reason for circumventing the usual grievance process.
- 5) Each grievance form shall be delivered without delay by authorized personnel (not residents), and will not be read or reviewed until received by the person designated to receive grievances.
- 6) The shift supervisor or other staff member designated to receive grievances shall accept the grievance form, signed and dated by the resident, and shall officially meet with the resident to attempt to resolve the issue.
- 7) If the grievance cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the resident, the supervisor shall annotate the resident grievance form, and refer the written grievance to the next level of supervision in his or her chain of command, or to the appropriate department head.
- 8) The next level of supervisor in the chain of command shall act on the grievance within five working days through informal or formal resolution. The responsible department head shall provide the resident a written decision that includes the basis for the decision. If the resident is illiterate or disabled the decision shall be read to him or her in a language that he or she understands, or translation/interpretation shall be provided as needed. If the resident is not English-speaking, the written response should be interpreted in the native language, If the grievance is resolved at the informal level, the staff who resolved the issue shall document the circumstances and resolution in the resident's residential File.
- 9) If the resident does not accept the resolution, he or she may appeal to a Resident Grievance Committee (RGC), or a single designated Grievance

Officer (GO) who shall respond within five days.

No one named in the complaint, or involved with earlier resolution attempts or with helping prepare the written grievance, may participate in the appeal process.

The DGC or GO may call witnesses, inspect evidence or otherwise gather facts essential to an impartial decision. The resident shall be provided with an opportunity to appear before the committee or officer to present his or her case, answer questions, and respond to conflicting evidence or testimony.

Within five working days of reaching a decision, the DGC or GO shall provide the resident, in writing, the decision and basis of that decision.

### 4. Emergency Grievances

Each facility shall implement procedures for identifying and processing an emergency grievance that involves an immediate threat to a resident's safety or welfare. Once the receiving staff member who is approached by a resident determines that he or she is, in fact, raising an issue requiring urgent attention, emergency grievance procedures shall apply.

The emergency grievance procedure shall bring the matter to the immediate attention of the facility administrator and ICE/DRO, even if it is later determined that it is not a true emergency (and the grievance is subsequently routed through normal, non-emergency channels). The resident may elect to present his or her emergency grievance to any supervisor or manager of the facility or ICE/DRO. All emergency grievances shall receive immediate attention, and at a minimum shall be reviewed by a facility administrator or assistant facility administrator. Responsibility for these reviews shall not be delegated.

If the matter is resolved by staff at the shift level, the supervisor involved shall prepare a report for the facility administrator or assistant facility administrator describing the problem and resolution. Emergency grievances not resolved at the shift level shall be sent up the chain of command until the matter is resolved.

If the shift supervisor or contract equivalent determines the matter is not an emergency, standard grievance procedures shall apply.

### 5. Appeal

If the resident does not accept the DGC or GO's decision, he or she may appeal it to the facility administrator or ICE/DRO. All facilities shall implement procedures for addressing resident appeals.

After reviewing the finding of the DGC or GO, the facility administrator or ICE/DRO may uphold, modify, or reverse it.

- a. The facility administrator, or designee, shall provide the resident a written decision within five days of receiving the appeal.
- b. The decision shall be in writing, and shall contain a discussion of the decision and the facts upon which it is based.
- c. If the resident is illiterate or disabled, the decision shall be read to him or her. If

the resident is not English-speaking, the written response should be interpreted to the native language

d. The facility administrator, or designee, shall use the normal routing system of the facility to send the written decision to the resident.

This decision is final and cannot be further appealed within the grievance system.

A copy of each grievance final decision shall be forwarded to JFRMU.

#### 6. Resident Retaliation Prohibited

Staff shall not harass, discipline, punish, or otherwise retaliate against a resident who files a complaint or grievance.

### 7. Established Pattern of Abuse of the Grievance System

If an individual establishes a pattern of filing nuisance complaints or otherwise abusing the grievance system, the facility administrator may identify that person, in writing, as one for whom not all subsequent complaints have to be fully processed. Records must be maintained, however, of grievances thus "rejected." This authority may not be delegated, even to an acting facility administrator. JFRMU must receive a copy of every nuisance complaint.

### 8. Record-Keeping and File Maintenance

Each facility shall devise a method for documenting resident grievances, at a minimum, with a Resident Grievance Log.

Staff shall assign each grievance a log number, enter it in the space provided on the Resident Grievance Form, and record it in the Resident Grievance Log in chronological order.

- a. The log entry number and the resident grievance number must match.
- b. The log shall include the receipt date, and the date and outcome of the resolution.
- c. Nuisance or petty grievances, and grievances rejected or denied must on procedural grounds (for example, filed after the deadline), must also be logged with the appropriate notation and justification (for example, "Petty").

A copy of the grievance disposition shall remain in the resident's residential file and provided to the resident.

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#### 9. Allegations of Staff Misconduct

Staff must forward a copy of all resident grievances containing allegations of staff misconduct to a supervisor or higher-level official in the chain of command, and a copy to ICE/JFRMU.

Resident facility staff must comply with all DHS and ICE requirements to report allegations of staff misconduct to a supervisor or higher-level official in his or her chain of command, and/or to ICE/DRO Office of Professional Responsibility, and/or to the DHS Inspector General. This reporting requirement applies without exception to all resident allegations of staff misconduct, whether formally or informally submitted.

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# ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

# HOUSEKEEPING AND VOLUNTARY WORK PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Residents will be provided with opportunities to work and earn money while confined, subject to the number of work opportunities available and the constraints of safety, security, and good order. This standard also sets forth responsibilities of the residents for personal housekeeping at the facility. ICE/DRO will afford working residents basic U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) protections.

- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Eligible adult residents will have opportunities to work and earn money while in residence, subject to the number of work opportunities available and the constraints of safety, security, and good order.
  - 2. Residents will be able to volunteer for work assignments, but otherwise not be required to work, except to do personal housekeeping.
  - 3. Essential operations and services will be enhanced by the work accomplished by residents.
  - 4. The negative impact of confinement will be reduced because of improved morale, and fewer incidents requiring corrective action.
  - 5. Resident working conditions will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local work safety laws.
  - 6. There will be no discrimination regarding access to the work program based on race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.
  - 7. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 8. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

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#### IV. REFERENCES

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American Correctional Association 4th Edition, Standards for Adult Residential Facilities: 4-ALDF-5C-06, 5C-08, 5C-11(M), 6B-02.

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

### 1. Voluntary Work Program

No resident under the age of 18 is authorized to perform work, other than general cleaning of their personal housing area under the supervision of his or her parent(s).

Residents who are physically and mentally able to work shall be provided the opportunity to participate, as appropriate in the facility voluntary work program.

ICE residents may be assigned to work outside the facility. When ICE residents are working outside the secure perimeter:

- a. A qualified employee, or "work supervisor," will supervise at all times.
- b. A work supervisor will never be assigned more than four residents.
- c. A work supervisor will require residents to be within sight and sound of the supervisor at all times.

# 2. Personal Housekeeping Required

Work assignments are voluntary; however, all residents are responsible for personal housekeeping, specifically maintaining their living areas as described below.

Residents are required to maintain their immediate living areas in a neat and orderly manner, by:

- a. Making their beds daily
- b. Stacking loose papers
- c. Keeping the floor free of debris, and dividers free of clutter
- d. Not hanging or draping clothing, pictures, keepsakes, or other objects from beds, other furniture, or overhead light fixtures.

## 3. Resident Selection for Work Details

The facility administrator shall develop site-specific rules for selecting work detail volunteers.

Each adult resident has a primary responsibility to care for and supervise his or her minor child (or children). A resident is eligible to work only when it does not interfere with that primary responsibility.

Staffs are responsible for explaining the rules and regulations to workers in a language the workers understand.

No special privileges should be afforded to any worker as a result of work performed.

# 4. Discrimination in Hiring Prohibited

Residents shall not be denied voluntary work opportunities on the basis of such factors as race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

# 5. Physically and Mentally Challenged Residents

While medical or mental health restrictions may prevent some physically or mentally challenged residents from working, those with less severe disabilities shall have the opportunity to participate in the voluntary work program if appropriate work assignments exist.

- a. The selecting official must consider the abilities and precise limitations of a disabled individual before considering that individual for specific work assignments.
- b. Expediency or convenience is insufficient justification to reject a resident for a particular work assignment.
- c. In disputed cases, the selecting official shall consult medical personnel to ascertain the resident's suitability for a given project.

#### 6. Hours of Work

Residents who participate in the volunteer work program are required to work according to a fixed schedule.

Residents shall not be required to work in excess of 8 hours per day or 40 hours per week.

# 7. Number of Details in One Day

The facility administrator may restrict the number of work details permitted a resident during one day. A resident shall be required to sign a voluntary work program agreement before every new assignment. Completed agreements shall be filed in the resident's residential file. (See attached sample agreement).

# 8. Compensation

Residents shall receive monetary gratuity for work completed in accordance with the facility's standard policy. The compensation is \$1.00 per day. Compensation shall be placed into a family unit's commissary account and shall be paid daily, unless the facility has a system in place that ensures residents receive the pay owed them before being transferred or released. Cash is not to be provided directly to the resident.

### 9. Removal of Resident from Work Detail

A resident may be removed from a work detail for such reasons that include, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Unsatisfactory performance
- b. Disruptive behavior, threats to security, etc.
- c. Physical inability to perform all functions required by the job, whether because of a lack of strength or a medical condition
- d. Unexcused absences from work
- e. Prevention of potential injuries to the resident

When a resident is removed from a work detail, the facility administrator shall place written documentation of the circumstances and reasons in the resident's residential file.

# 10. Resident Responsibility

The facility administrator shall establish procedures for informing resident volunteers about job responsibilities and reporting procedures.

The resident is expected to be ready to report for work at the required time, and may not leave an assignment without permission.

- a. The resident shall perform all assigned tasks diligently and conscientiously.
- b. The resident may not evade attendance and performance standards in assigned activities, or encourage others to do so.
- c. The resident shall exercise care in performing assigned work, using safety equipment and taking other precautions in accordance with the work supervisor's instructions.
- d. In the event of a work-related injury, the resident shall notify the work supervisor, who shall immediately implement injury response procedures.

# 11. Resident Training and Safety

All residential facilities shall comply with all applicable health and safety regulations and standards.

The facility administrator shall ensure that all department heads develop and institute, in conjunction with the facility's safety/training staff, appropriate training for all resident workers.

- a. The voluntary work program shall operate in compliance with:
  - 1) Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations set forth in 29 CFR Parts 1910, 1926, and 1960 (current indexes attached)
  - 2) National Fire Protection Association 101 Life Safety Code (current index attached)

- 3) American Correctional Association Standards for Adult Local Residential Facilities (referenced above)
- 4) ICE/DRO Environmental Occupational Safety and Health Program Handbook

Each Safety and Health Officer (SHO) is responsible for providing all facilities in his or her jurisdiction with complete and current copies of the documents listed above, including 29 CFR Parts 1910, 1926 and 1960.

The facility administrator shall ensure that the facility operates in compliance with all currently applicable standards.

- b. Upon a resident's assignment to a job or detail, the supervisor shall provide thorough instructions regarding safe work methods and, if relevant, hazardous materials.
  - 1) The supervisor shall demonstrate safety features and practices.
  - 2) Workers shall learn to: recognize hazards in the workplace, report deficiencies to their supervisors, and property use the protective devices and clothing provided.
  - 3) Since ICE/DRO will not tolerate "lack of knowledge or skill" as being the cause of an accident, a resident shall not undertake any assignment before signing a voluntary work program agreement that includes a confirmation that the resident has received and understands training from the supervisor about the work assignment.

The voluntary work program agreement shall be placed in the resident's residential file.

- c. For a food service assignment, medical staff, working with the U.S. Public Health Service, shall ensure residents are medically screened and certified before undertaking an assignment.
- d. The facility shall provide residents with safety equipment that meets OSHA and other required standards associated with the task performed.
- e. The facility administrator shall ensure that the facility operates in compliance with all currently applicable laws and standards.

# 12. Resident Injury and Reporting Procedures

The facility administrator shall implement procedures for immediately and appropriately responding to on-the-job injuries, including immediate notification to ICE/DRO.

If a resident is injured while performing his or her work assignment:

a. The work supervisor shall immediately notify the facility medical staff. In the event that the accident occurs in a facility that does not provide 24-hour medical coverage, the supervisor shall contact the on-call medical staff for instructions.

- b. First aid shall be administered, if necessary.
- c. Medical staff shall determine what treatment is necessary and where that treatment shall take place.
- d. The work supervisor shall complete a resident accident report and submit it to the facility administrator for review and processing, and for filing in the resident's A-file.

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# **ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD**

#### **HUNGER STRIKES**

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. The health and well-being of adult residents is protected by monitoring, counseling, and, when appropriate, treatment of any adult resident on a hunger strike.

Nothing in this Residential Standard is intended to limit or override the exercise of sound medical judgment by the medical authority responsible for a resident's medical care. Each case must be evaluated on its own merits and specific circumstances, and treatment shall be given in accordance with accepted medical practice.

- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Residential Standard are as follows:
  - Any resident who does not eat for 72 hours will be referred to the medical department for evaluation and possible treatment.
  - 2. When medically advisable, a resident on a hunger strike will be placed under close supervision for observation and monitoring.
  - 3. The Chief, JFRMU and ICE/DRO Field Office Director will be notified when a resident is on a hunger strike.
  - 4. The resident's health will be carefully monitored and documented, along with the resident's intake of food and liquids.
  - A resident on a hunger strike will be counseled and advised of the medical risks, and will be encouraged to end the hunger strike or to accept medical treatment.
  - 6. Medical treatment will be administered against a resident's will only with the medical, psychiatric, and legal safeguards specified herein.
  - 7. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 8. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

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American Correctional Association 4th Edition, Standards for Adult Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-2A-52, 4D-15.

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### 1. Staff Training

All staff shall be initially and annually trained to recognize the signs of a hunger strike and to follow the procedures for medical assessment referral.

#### 2. Initial Referral

Procedures for identifying and referring to medical staff a resident suspected or announced to be on a hunger strike shall include obtaining a medical assessment. This assessment shall be made by qualified medical personnel, and shall include a statement of whether the resident's action is reasoned and deliberate, or is a manifestation of mental illness. Upon medical recommendation, the resident may be placed in close supervision for observation and monitoring.

When an ICE/DRO resident is on a hunger strike, the facility shall notify ICE/DRO, which shall notify DIHS.

- a. Any resident observed to have not eaten for 72 hours shall be immediately referred to the medical department for an evaluation of whether the resident is on a hunger strike, or in need of medical or mental health intervention.
  - Any minor observed or known to have missed three consecutive meals or four meals in any two day period shall be referred to the medical unit for examination and evaluation to determine if medical or mental health intervention is required.
- b. When medically advisable, medical personnel may place the resident in a single-occupancy observation room, for the purpose of measuring food and liquid intake and output.
- c. The facility administrator shall immediately report the hunger strike to the Chief JFRMU and ICE/DRO Field Office Director, who shall follow standard policy for reporting significant incidents to headquarters.

# 3. Initial Medical Evaluation and Management

Medical staff shall monitor the health of a resident on a hunger strike. If the resident is engaging in a hunger strike due to a mental condition, appropriate medical action shall be taken.

- a. During the initial evaluation of a resident on a hunger strike, medical staff shall:
  - 1) Measure and record his or her height and weight.
  - 2) Measure and record resident vital signs;.

- 3) Conduct a urinalysis of the resident.
- 4) Conduct a psychological or psychiatric evaluation of the resident;.
- 5) Assess the resident's general physical condition.
- 6) If clinically indicated, proceed with radiographs and/or laboratory studies.
- b. Medical staff shall take and record weight and vital signs at least once every 24 hours during the hunger strike, and repeat other medical procedures as indicated.
- c. The Clinical Director (CD), or equivalent medical authority, may modify or augment standard procedures when medically indicated.
- d. Medical staff shall record all examination results in the resident's medical file.
- e. All physical and mental examinations, treatments, and other medical procedures require the informed consent of the resident.
  - If the resident refuses the initial medical evaluation, medical staff must attempt to secure the resident's signature on a "Refusal of Treatment" form.
  - If the resident will not cooperate by signing, staff shall note this on the "Refusal of Treatment" form.
- f. If medically indicated, the resident may be transferred to a community hospital or an alternate ICE facility that is appropriately equipped for treatment.
- g. After the hunger strike, medical staff shall provide follow-up medical and psychiatric care as long as necessary. Only the medical authority may order a resident's release from hunger strike treatment, and shall document that order in the resident's medical record.

# 4. Food and Liquid Intake and Output

After consultation with the CD, the facility administrator may require staff to measure and record food and water intake and output, using the following procedure:

- a. Record intake and output on the Hunger Strike Monitoring Form (DIHS-839 in DIHS-staffed facilities), until this record-keeping is terminated by the CD.
- b. Deliver three meals per day to the resident's room, unless otherwise directed by the medical staff. Regardless of the resident's response to a verbally offered meal, staff shall deliver each meal to the resident.
- c. Provide an adequate supply of drinking water, and offer to provide other beverages.
  - Remove all food items not authorized by the medical staff from the resident's room. During the hunger strike, the resident's purchase of commissary or vending machine food and beverages shall be documented, and this information be provided daily to medical.

# 5. Refusal To Accept Treatment

Staff shall make reasonable efforts to convince the resident to accept treatment

voluntarily. Forced medical treatment shall not be administered at a family residential facility. Residents requiring forced medical treatment shall be transferred to an alternate ICE facility or other facility, as appropriate for intervention. The transfer of a resident who is a part of a family unit shall not adversely affect the housing assignment of that family unit, of and by itself.

- a. Staff shall explain to the resident medical risks associated with the refusal of treatment and document their treatment efforts in the resident's medical record.
- b. The CD may recommend involuntary treatment when clinical assessment and available laboratory results indicate the resident's weakening condition threatens the life or long term health of the resident.

The CD shall notify the JFRMU in writing of the proposed plan for force-feeding the resident, and the requirement to transfer the resident immediately to an alternate ICE facility for treatment.

- c. Medical staff shall:
  - Document all treatment efforts in the resident's medical record.
  - Continue clinical and laboratory monitoring as necessary, until the resident's life or permanent health is out of danger - ordinarily, until adequate oral intake of food and liquid is achieved.
  - Continue medical, psychiatric, and/or mental health follow-up as necessary.

#### 6. Release from Treatment

The CD may order that a resident be released from hunger strike evaluation and treatment. That order shall be documented in the resident's medical record.

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# **ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD**

### **KEY AND LOCK CONTROL**

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Keys and locks are properly controlled and maintained, enhancing safety and security at the facility.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Residential Standard are:
  - 1. All staff will be trained in the proper care and handling of keys and locks.
  - 2. Keys will be controlled and accounted for.
  - 3. Locks and locking devices will be continually inspected, maintained, and inventoried.

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- 5. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
- 6. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

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#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

# 1. Proper Care and Handling of Keys and Locks

All staff shall be trained and held responsible for adhering to proper procedures for the care and handling of keys, including electronic key pads where they are used. Initial training shall be completed before staffs are issued keys, and key control shall be among the topics covered in subsequent annual training.

a. An employee who inadvertently leaves the facility with a key ring shall return it immediately upon realizing his or her mistake (which constitutes unauthorized possession of U.S. property as well as a breach of procedures).

- b. An employee, who loses, misplaces, or otherwise cannot account for a key or key ring shall immediately alert the shift supervisor and promptly submit a written report.
- c. Staff shall never allow any resident to handle facility keys.
- d. Key rings, including those for gun lockers, shall be securely fastened to a belt with a metal clip or other approved device. Fastening keys to a holsters or belt loop is prohibited.
- e. Employees shall not refer to key numbers or other means of identification within earshot of a resident.
- f. Employees shall neither throw nor slide keys to one another.
- g. Force shall not be used to operate locks.
- h. If a key breaks inside a lock, the employee shall maintain visual oversight of the lock until its extraction. If the key breaks inside a padlock, the padlock itself shall be removed and taken to the Control Center. In every instance, the employee shall submit a memorandum on the incident to the facility administrator.
- It is recommended that every facility use key covers for large security keys, however, it is within the discretion of the facility to determine if key covers will be utilized.

# 2. Facility Staff (Key-Control Staff)

Each facility administrator shall, either, establish the position of Security Officer, or, assign a staff member the collateral security officer duties, as described herein.

# a. Major Duties and Responsibilities of the Facility Staff

The Security Officer shall have a written position description that includes duties, responsibilities, and chain of command.

The Security Officer:

- 1) Reports directly to the Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations;
- Conducts physical security surveys of all buildings and provides the Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations written recommendations regarding deficiencies and needed corrective actions;
- Plans and practices preventive maintenance/replacement of locks and other security-devices;
- Identifies technical problems or malfunctions in electronic/automated and manually operated security systems and immediately repairs them or coordinates prompt repairs with the facility maintenance department;
- 5) Overhauls, adjusts, and replaces worn parts on locking devices and systems;
- 6) Maintains, adjusts, and services machines used in the lock-shop;
- 7) Is capable of operating gas/oxygen-cutting tools and end-saw equipment in an emergency;

- 8) Conducts routine tests on emergency-exit doors;
- 9) Checks the keys to all emergency exits every 30 days and all other keys needed in emergencies quarterly, and documents the results.
- 10) Reviews all major work orders and in-house designs, plans, and specifications with the facility maintenance department for compliance with security requirements.

The facility maintenance supervisor (or equivalent) shall consult with the Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations (or equivalent) and Security Officer before proceeding with new construction and renovation projects involving door hardware.

## b. Required Locksmith Training

All security staff shall successfully complete an approved locksmith training program.

The Security Officer shall complete formal locksmith training.

Locksmith training should be supplemented with training in Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards and the National Fire Prevention Association's life safety codes. Manufacturer's instructions, user manuals, product orientations, and demonstrations can also provide useful guidance.

## c, Administrative Responsibilities

The Security Officer is responsible for all administrative duties, including recordkeeping, concerning keys, locks, and related security equipment.

The Security Officer:

- 1). Maintains a recordkeeping system that cross-references keys in the Control Center and lock-shop, alphabetically and numerically, to facilitate quick identification of the key or key ring needed for a particular lock;
- 2). Maintains accurate inventories of padlocks in use, master keys for cabinets, key blanks, and all keys currently in use;
- 3). Maintains for the historical record a collection of reference material on locking devices and systems, including devices and systems previously used in the facility.

# d. Supervision and Training

The Security Staff shall train and direct employees in key control, including electronic key pads where they are used.

The Security Staff is responsible for training an Assistant Security Staff in all duties related to the position. The Security Staff must be proficient in all phases of security and be able to demonstrate proper equipment use to other employees.

# 3. Lock Shop Operation

#### a. Inventories

The Security Staff shall maintain inventories of all keys, locks and locking devices in the Lock Shop.

Lock Shop inventories shall include, at a minimum:

- A secure master-key cabinet containing at least one pattern key (never issued), and one or more spare keys; always locked; with all contents itemized on an inventory form.
- All key blanks, identified by model number and manufacturer's name, inventoried in a bound ledger or electronic database.
- All unassigned padlocks.
- An inventory of assigned padlocks, with locations identified alphabetically or numerically.

# b. Compromised Keys and Locks

The facility administrator or Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations shall establish procedures for handling compromised keys and locks.

Compromised keys shall be cut into pieces until irremediably destroyed. The facility shall document the type of key or lock, the number of keys/locks compromised, and the date, time, and method of destruction.

#### c. Safe Combinations

The Security Staff shall implement procedures for protecting the integrity of all safe combination(s).

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# d. Keying, Authorized, and Non-Authorized Locks

- 1) Either deadbolts or deadlocks shall be used in resident-accessible areas.
- 2) Locks not authorized for use in resident-accessible areas include, but are not limited to: snap-, key-in-knob, thumb-turn, push-button, rim-latch, barrel or slide bolt, and removable-core-type locks (including padlocks). Any such locks in current use shall be phased out and replaced with mortise lock sets and standard cylinders.
- 3) Grand master-keying systems are not authorized.
- 4) After removing the facility number and key cuts, the Security Staff shall cut up and dispose of worn or discarded keys and locks.
- 5) Entrance/exit door locks of housing units, work areas, chapels, gyms, and other areas with room capacity of 50 or more people shall meet the standards specified in the Occupational Safety and Environmental Health Manual (Chapter 3) and in the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code (#101). Panic-hardware is an acceptable alternative to such locking devices.

- 6) Individual doors to areas with room capacity of 50 or more people shall have no more than one lock for each door. Padlocks shall not be used on exit doors or intermediate doors along the exit route.
- 7) Padlocks and/or chains may not be used in a family residential center.

#### e. Preventive Maintenance

The Security Staff shall implement a preventive maintenance program.

The Security Staff shall perform the following preventive maintenance services, among others:

- 1). Adjust and service vehicle-gates for changing (hot/cold) weather conditions twice a year, in the spring and early fall
- 2). Adjust and service front-entrance and other gate operations at least once a year.
- 3). Lubricate all other locks quarterly, per manufacturers' instructions.
- 4). Perform maintenance checks on locks and locking systems, taking corrective action as necessary.
- 5). At least once every five years: steam-clean vehicle-gates; clean locking mechanisms of front-entrance gates, other gates, and other critical locking mechanisms using steam or other means.

The facility maintenance supervisor is responsible for door-hardware installation and maintenance (closures, hinges, pulls, kick plates, etc.), and for providing certain support services (welding, electrical-work) to the Security Staff, as needed.

# f. Preventive Maintenance Documentation

The Security Staff shall maintain all preventive maintenance records.

The Security Staff's preventive maintenance files shall include:

- 1). Date.
- 2). Location of lock or locking mechanism,
- 3). Type of maintenance,
- 4). Rationale for changing key combination(s), and
- 5). Signature of service provider.

#### 4. Key Cabinet

#### a. Location

An operational keyboard large enough to accommodate all facility key rings, including keys in use, shall be located in a secure area.

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- b. Basic Construction. The key cabinet shall be constructed so that keys are visible only when being issued. Keys may never be seen by residents or visitors.
- c. Small, closet-type space (b)(7)(e) may be used instead of a cabinet, as long as:
  - · Access limitations are the same as for a key cabinet,
  - All other key/lock standards are met, and
  - The space is used solely for key control.

In the key cabinet:

- Keys in vertical rows shall be arranged in alphabetical order, and
- Keys in horizontal rows shall be arranged in numerical order.
- The label identifying the letter or number of the key ring that belongs on a particular hook shall be visible even when the key ring is on the hook.
- Any hook without an assigned key ring shall be tagged with a metal chit that indicates "hook not in use."

#### d. Key Rings

The Security Staff shall implement procedures for identifying every key ring and every key on each key ring, and for preventing keys from being removed from key rings, once issued.

All key rings shall be heavy-gauge wire that has been welded or brazed to prevent removal of keys from the ring.

Two metal tags of unequal size shall be attached to each key ring:

- 1) The larger tag shall identify the key ring with a number/letter corresponding to the hock number/letter.
- 2) The smaller tag shall identify the number of keys on the key ring.

## e. Emergency Keys

Emergency keys shall be on hand for every area to or from which entry or exit might be necessary in an emergency.

- 1. Emergency keys may be kept in a separate key cabinet or in a readily identified area of the regular-issue key cabinet. A separate key cabinet located in the (b)(7)e is recommended for the emergency keys.
- 2. The emergency-key cabinet shall contain a hook for each key ring. If an emergency-key ring is kept outside the main emergency-key cabinet (for

example, in  $\{ (b)(7)e \}$ , a metal tag providing the key ring's location shall hang on the hook intended for that key ring in the main emergency-key cabinet.

- 3. The emergency keys shall be cut precisely to manufacturer's specifications.
- 4. Emergency keys shall not be rotated in and out of the (b)(7)e

### 5. Issue of Key Rings

#### a. Chit System

Facilities shall use a chit system or other standard system for the issuance and accountability of key rings.

The chit shall be labeled with the staff's first initial and last name. All key rings shall be issued as needed (at the beginning of a shift, etc.) with the exchange of a chit for a key and the chit placed on the hook from which the key was removed.

An employee who reports to work without chits must obtain temporary chits from the Control Staff, which he or she can exchange for keys according to standard procedure.

- The Control Staff shall maintain accountability for the issued chits.
- At the end of the shift, the employee shall personally return the temporary chits to the Control Staff.

At shift rotation, to obtain keys from staff on post, the relief staff must first exchange his or her key chit (b)(7)(e) for the key chit of the employee being relieved. The relief staff shall take his or her key chit to the employee being relieved and exchange the key chit for the appropriate ring of keys. The staff shall immediately count the keys on his or her ring, immediately reporting any discrepancies to the shift supervisor. If the relief staff needs to gain access to any location(s) while heading from the control enter to his or her post, the Control Staff may issue him/her a second set of keys. In this case, the staff shall return the extra set of keys to the Control Staff at the end of the relief shift.

#### b. Restricted Keys

The facility administrator shall establish rules and procedures for authorizing use of restricted keys.

The Control Staff must have authorization from the shift supervisor to issue a restricted key.

## 1). Pharmacy

Pharmacy keys shall be strictly controlled.

Ordinarily, such controls include:

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### 2). ICE and EOIR Offices

Keys to ICE and EOIR (Executive Office of Immigration Review) shall similarly be restricted and controlled. If a key is authorized for emergency withdrawal, a copy of the Restricted Key form is to be provided to ICE.

#### b. 24-Hour Issue Keys

No key or key ring may be issued on a 24-hour basis without the facility administrator's written authorization.

A key chit identifying the borrower of the key ring shall be placed on the appropriate hook in the key cabinet, along with a metal tag marked "24-hour issue."

Individual  $5" \times 8"$  cards shall be used to record the following information about each set of 24-hour-issue keys: the key-ring identifiers (number and title), the number of keys on the ring, the individual key numbers and the door each key unlocks. Each card must bear the signatures of the authorizing facility administrator, Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations, and the employee to whom the keys are issued.

## c. Security Keys

Key rings used but not issued on a 24-hour basis because the attached security keys shall be kept in a dedicated, glass-front, lockable box (b)(7)(e) Identical boxes may be kept and used in different departments, provided staffs are authorized to receive 24-hour keys. The key to every such box shall be issued on a 24-hour basis.

The staff member removing keys from the box shall place his or her chit on the hook in place of the key ring, returning the keys and reclaiming the chit at the end of the shift. The individual to whom the keys were issued shall personally return the keys to the box, without exception.

Security keys may not be taken off facility property (except for bus, van and other authorized-vehicle keys). As a rule, security keys shall not be issued on a 24-hour basis.

#### d. Key Accountability

The facility administrator shall establish written policy and implementing procedures to ensure key accountability.

The Control Staff shall conduct a key-ring audit upon reporting for duty, accounting for each key ring (b)(7)(e) logbook and shall immediately report discrepancies in the record to the shift supervisor.

The Control Staff shall also identify broken or bent keys. All keys (regular-issue and emergency) shall be checked and counted daily.

To ensure accountability, keys shall be issued only on the assigned key rings.

### e. Request for Key Change

Key-change requests shall be submitted, in writing, to the facility administrator. Upon facility administrator approval, only the Security Staff may add or remove a key from a ring.

## f. Split Key Ring

The splitting of key rings into separate rings is not authorized.

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# ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

### PERSONAL HYGIENE

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Each resident is able to maintain acceptable personal hygiene practices through the provision of adequate bathing facilities, and the issuance and exchange of clothing, bedding, linens, towels, and personal hygiene items.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Residential Standard are:
  - 1. Each facility will maintain an inventory of clothing, bedding, linens, towels and personal hygiene items that is sufficient to meet the needs of residents.
  - 2. Each resident will have suitable clean bedding, linens, blankets, and towels.
  - 3. Each resident will have sufficient clean clothing that is properly fitted, durable, presentable, and climatically suitable.
  - 4. Residents will be held accountable for clothing, bedding, linens, and towels assigned to them.
  - 5. Residents, including those with disabilities, will be able to maintain acceptable personal hygiene practices.
  - 6. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 7. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

#### IV REFERENCES

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association 4th Edition, Standards for Adult Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-4B-01 through 4B-09, 6A-08, 6B-05 through 6B-08.

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

1. Supply of Clothing, Bedding, Linens, Towels, and Personal Hygiene Items
Residents will be provided the opportunity to maintain a combination of personal and

facility clothing, not to exceed ten sets at any one time. Arriving residents who do not have serviceable clothing shall be provided a minimum of six sets of clothing. Additionally, children will also be provided with up to three sets of pajamas upon parent's request. Issued clothing shall not resemble institutional-style clothing.

Each residential facility shall have a written policy and procedure for the regular issuance and exchange of clothing, bedding, linens, towels, and personal hygiene items, to include diapers. Each facility shall have available, at all times, more clothing, bedding, linen and towels than needed to supply the maximum funded resident capacity. This excess will allow for the immediate replacement of items that are lost, destroyed, or worn out.

To be prepared for unforeseen circumstances, it is good practice for a residential facility to maintain an excess clothing inventory that is at least 200 percent of the maximum funded resident capacity.

#### 2. Issuance of Clothing

All new residents shall be issued clean, temperature-appropriate, presentable clothing during in-take.

Additional clothing shall be issued as necessary for changing weather conditions, or as seasonally appropriate.

Facilities will issue only new and unused undergaments.

# 3. Special Uniforms and Protective Equipment

Each adult resident assigned to a special work area shall be clothed in accordance with the requirements of the job, including any appropriate protective clothing and equipment.

Residents employed as food service workers shall be issued white uniforms.

# 4. Personal Hygiene Items

Staff shall provide residents with personal hygiene items appropriate for their gender, and shall replenish supplies as needed.

Each resident shall receive, at a minimum, the following:

- One bar of bath soap, or equivalent
- One comb
- One tube of toothpaste
- One toothbrush
- One bottle of shampoo, or equivalent
- One container of skin lotion
- Any other item designated as necessary by JFRMU

The facility administrator may modify this list, for example, to accommodate use of bulk liquid-soap and shampoo dispensers.

Feminine hygiene products shall be accessible as needed.

Issuance of unbreakable brushes with soft, synthetic bristles to replace combs is permitted.

### 5. Bathing and Toilet Facilities

Residents shall be provided:

- a. An adequate number of toilets 24 hours per day that can be used without staff assistance. (Minimum 1 toilet to 8 residents ratio)
- b. An adequate number of washbasins with temperature controlled hot and cold running water 24 hours per day. (Minimum 1 basin to 8 residents ratio)
- c. Operable showers that are thermostatically controlled to temperatures between 100° and 120° Fahrenheit, to ensure safety and promote hygiene. (Minimum 1 shower to 6 residents ratio)
- d. Adequate facilities for bathing infants and toddlers.

Measurement and documentation of water temperature in housing units is considered good practice.

Residents with disabilities are provided the facilities and support needed for self-care and personal hygiene in a reasonably private environment, allowing the individual to maintain personal dignity. When necessary, assistance to disabled residents who cannot perform basic life functions shall be provided by individuals who are trained and qualified to understand problems and challenges faced by persons with physical and/or mental impairments. Such training may be provided by the health authority, and may involve the expertise of relevant community organizations and government agencies. Discrimination on the basis of disability is prohibited.

#### 6. Hair Care

Residents are allowed freedom in personal grooming, unless a valid safety, security, or medical interest requires an exception that is justified and documented.

Residents shall be provided hair care services in a manner and environment that promotes sanitation and safety, in accordance with the requirements for barber operations in the Residential Standard on "Environmental Health and Safety."

# 7. Issuance of Bedding, Linen and Towels

All residents shall be issued clean bedding, linens, and a towel, and shall be accountable for those items.

The standard issued items are:

- Bedding one mattress, one blanket, and one pillow. Additional blankets shall be issued upon request, or based on weather conditions.
- Linens two sheets and one pillowcase.
- Towel one towel.

#### 8. Exchange Requirements

Residents shall be provided with clean clothing, linen, and towels on a regular basis,

according to the following schedule:

- Daily exchange of socks and undergarments
- Daily exchange of outer garments
- At least weekly exchange of sheets, towels, and pillowcases

More frequent exchanges of outer garments may be appropriate, especially in hot and humid climates.

Residents are not permitted to wash clothing, bedding, linens, tennis shoes, or other items in the living units, unless proper washing and drying equipment is available, and the facility has written policy and procedures for its use. Any washing and drying policies and procedures shall be posted in the washing area, and shall be included in the resident handbook.

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# **ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD**

#### RECREATION

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Each resident has access to recreational and exercise programs and activities, within the constraints of safety, security, and good order.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Residential Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Residents will have daily opportunities to participate in leisure-time activities outside their housing areas.
  - 2. Residents will have access to exercise opportunities and equipment.
  - 3. Each citizen volunteer who provides or participates in facility recreational programs will complete an appropriate, documented orientation program and sign an acknowledgement of his or her understanding of the applicable rules and procedures as an agreement to comply with them.
  - 4. Each recreational program will provide for specialized needs of adults and children in a residential environment.
  - 5. Structured physical activities are provided for children when not in school, such as organized sports, physical activities such as dance, intellectually stimulating activities, arts and crafts, and music.
  - 6. Facilities provide recreational opportunities that are age appropriate for children, including for children with disabilities.
  - 7. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 8. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

#### **IV. REFERENCES**

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American Correctional Association 4th Edition Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities: 4-5C-01, 5C-02, 5C-03, 5C-04, 2A-66, 5A-01, 6B-04, 7B-03, 7C-02, 7F-05.

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#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

### 1. Indoor and Outdoor Recreation

- a. Every facility will provide indoor and outdoor recreation, the size of which shall include consideration of state requirements for similar facilities. Additionally, each outdoor exercise area must provide ample outdoor green space for use by children and adults. This space should include shaded areas with seating, commercial—grade, age-appropriate play areas, a soccer-style field, and other athletic activity areas at the discretion of the facility administrator.
- b. Each indoor exercise area must provide a minimum of 2500 square feet of unencumbered space that provides access to age-appropriate play and physical education areas. Space considerations should include each facility allowing open access during daylight hours of operation. Indoor areas must provide at least 18-foot ceilings.
- c. Indoor and outdoor areas shall provide adjacent access to male and female restroom facilities.

#### 2. Access to Structured Activities

Residents shall be provided with access to structured activities and programs. In particular, these programs and activities should be structured towards growth, development, and healthy living.

Facilities must provide daily indoor and outdoor recreational and other activities appropriate to the needs, interests, and abilities of families and children, so that every adult and child is able to participate.

#### 3. Recreation Schedule

Every resident shall have daily access to indoor and/or outdoor recreation from 8:00 a.m. to dusk.

# 4. Physical Education Instructor

All facilities shall have an individual responsible for the development and oversight of the recreation program.

- a. Every facility shall employ a full-time physical education instructor with special training in implementing and overseeing a recreation program.
- The Physical Education Instructor shall be responsible for development and oversight of the recreational program.
- c. The Physical Education Instructor shall assess the recreation needs and interests of the residents.

### 5. General Requirements

a. All facilities shall provide recreational opportunities for residents with disabilities.

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b. Recreation areas shall offer a variety of equipment.

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- c. With the facility administrator's approval, recreational activities may include limited-contact sports, such as soccer, basketball, volleyball, and table games; and may include intramural competitions among units.
- d. Dayrooms shall offer board games, television, and other sedentary recreation activities. Residential staff shall supervise dayroom activities, distributing games and other recreation materials daily.
- e. All residents participating in recreation shall have access to drinking water and toilet facilities.
- f. Residential or recreation staff shall search recreation areas before and after their use to detect altered or damaged equipment. They shall also issue all portable equipment items, and check each item for damage and its general condition, upon its return.
- g. Recreation areas shall be under continuous supervision by staff equipped with radios or other communication devices, to ensure the safety of the residents.
- h. Residents may engage in independent recreation activities, such as board games and small-group activities.
- i. The facility administrator shall establish facility policy concerning television viewing in dayrooms. All television viewing schedules shall be subject to the facility administrator's approval.

# 6. Volunteer Program Involvement

A volunteer group may provide a special recreational or educational program consistent with availability of residential personnel to supervise the participating residents, with sufficient advance notification to the facility administrator.

The Residential Standard on "Visitation" details requirements that must be met for a volunteer to be approved to visit with and/or provide recreation activities for residents, including advance notice, identification, a background check, an orientation to the facility, and a written agreement to comply with applicable rules and procedures.

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# **ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD**

### **RELIGIOUS PRACTICES**

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Residents of different religious beliefs are provided reasonable and equitable opportunities to participate in the practices of their respective faiths, constrained only by concerns about safety, security, the orderly operation of the facility.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Residential Standard are as follows:
  - Residents will have opportunities to participate in practices of their religious faith that are deemed essential by the faith's judicatory, limited only by a documented threat to the safety of persons involved in an activity or to the order of the facility.
  - 2. All religions represented in a resident population will have equal status without discrimination based on race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.
  - 3. Each facility's religious program will be planned, administered, and coordinated in an organized and orderly manner.
  - 4. Adequate space, equipment and staff (including security and clerical) will be provided for conducting and administering religious programs.
  - 5. Residents of faiths not directly represented by chaplaincy staff will be assisted in contacting external representatives.
  - Each facility's religious program will be augmented and enhanced by community clergy, contractors, volunteers and groups that provide individual and group religious services and counseling.
  - 7. Special diets will be provided for residents whose religious beliefs require the adherence to religious dietary laws.
  - 8. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

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### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

# 1. Religious Opportunities and Limitations

Residents shall have opportunities to engage in practices of their religious faith that are deemed essential by the faith's judicatory, consistent with safety, security, and the orderly operation of the facility. Attendance at religious activities is voluntary.

Religious activities shall be open to the entire resident population, without discrimination based on race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. When necessary for the security or good order of the facility, however, the facility administrator may discontinue a religious activity or practice or limit participation to a reasonable number of residents, or to members of a particular religious group.

The facility chaplain should endeavor to provide opportunities for religious practice in major languages spoken by the residents. Accommodations will be provided to resident s who are deaf or hard of hearing to provide them with access to the service should they wish to participate.

Ordinarily, when the nature of the activity or practice (fasts, ceremonial meals. headwear requirements, work proscriptions, etc.) indicates a need for such limitation, only those residents whose files reflect the pertinent religious preference will be included.

# 2. Religious Preferences

Each resident may designate any or no religious preference during intake. Staff, contractors, and volunteers may not disparage the religious beliefs of a resident, nor coerce, harass, or attempt to proselytize a resident to change religious affiliation.

A resident may request to change his or her religious preference at any time by notifying the chaplain or other designated individual, in writing, and the change shall be effected in a timely fashion.

In the interest of maintaining the security and orderly running of the facility and to prevent abuse or disrespect by residents of religious practice or observance, the chaplain shall monitor patterns of changes in declarations of religious preference.

In determining whether to allow a resident to participate in specific religious activities, staff may refer to the initial religious preference information and any subsequent changes in the resident's religious designation. Residents showing "No Preference" may be restricted from participation in those activities deemed appropriate only for those who have expressed a preference for that particular religion.

# 3. Chaplains or Other Religious Coordinators

The facility administrator shall make every attempt to recruit and hire a full-time chaplain. The chaplain shall manage and coordinate religious activities for residents. The facility chaplain shall plan, direct, and supervise all aspects of the religious program, including approval and training of clergy and lay volunteers from faiths represented in the resident population. The facility administrator shall provide non-resident clerical staff support for confidential materials.

A chaplain shall have the minimum qualifications of clinical pastoral education or equivalent specialized training, and the endorsement of the appropriate religious certifying body.

The chaptain, regardless of his or her specific religious affiliation, shall ensure equal status and protection for all religions.

The chaptain or other religious coordinator shall have physical access to all areas of the facility to minister to residents and staff.

He or she shall be available to provide pastoral care and counseling to residents who request it, through group programs and individual services. Residents who belong to a religious faith different from that of the chaplain may, if they prefer, have access to pastoral care and counseling from external clergy and religious service providers

The term "individual services" includes counseling services provided to individual residents and/or members of their families in personal crisis and family emergency situations.

When efforts to recruit a chaplain are unsuccessful, the facility administrator shall designate a staff member to oversee this program.

#### 4. Schedules and Facilities

All facilities shall designate space for religious activities.

This designated space must be sufficient to accommodate the needs of all religious

groups in the resident population fairly and equitably. The general area shall include office space for the chaplain, storage space for items used in religious programs, and proximity to lavatory facilities for staff and volunteers.

Religious service areas shall be maintained in a neutral fashion suitable for use by various faith groups.

The chaplain shall schedule and direct the facility's religious activities, and current program schedules shall be posted on all unit and resident bulletin boards.

When scheduling approved religious activities, chaplains must consider both the availability of staff supervision and the need to allot time and space equitably among different groups.

The Chaplain shall ensure the religious needs of minors are considered when determining what religious programming shall be made available for residents and their minor children.

#### 5. Contractors and Volunteers

All facilities shall have procedures so that clergy, contractors, volunteers, and community groups may provide individual and group assembly religious services, and counseling that augments and enhances the religious program. When recruiting citizen volunteers, the chaptain and other staff shall be cognizant of the need for representation from all cultural and socio-economic parts of the community. Each facility shall provide security, including staff escorts, to allow such individuals and groups facility access for religious programs and activities.

The Residential Standard on "Visitation" details requirements that must be met for a volunteer to be approved to visit with or to provide religious activities for residents, including advance notice, identification, background check, orientation to the facility, and a written agreement to comply with applicable rules and procedures.

The chaplain may contract with representatives of faith groups in the community to provide specific religious services that he or she cannot personally deliver, and may secure the assistance and services of volunteers.

Religious groups and individuals may be compensated for assisting volunteer clergy or spiritual advisors with religious services and programs, and for providing religious publications and religiously symbolic items without charge to the residents.

"Representatives of faith groups" includes both clergy and spiritual advisors. All contractual representatives of resident faith groups shall be afforded equal status and treatment to assist residents in observing their religious beliefs, unless the security and good order of the facility warrant otherwise.

The facility administrator or designee (ordinarily the chaplain) may require a recognized representative of a faith group to verify the religious credentials of contractors or volunteers before approving their entry into the facility.

Residents who are members of faiths not represented by clergy may conduct their own services, provided they do not interfere with facility operations.

#### 6. Pastoral Visits

If requested by a resident, the chaplain or designee shall facilitate arrangements for pastoral visits by a clergyperson or representative of the resident's faith.

The chaplain may request documentation of the person's religious credentials, as well as a criminal background check.

Pastoral visits ordinarily take place in the visiting room during regular visiting hours; however, if either party requests more privacy, accommodation may be made in the legal visitation area.

# 7. Introduction of New and Unfamiliar Religious Components

If a resident requests the introduction of a new or unfamiliar religious practice, the chaplain may ask the resident to provide additional information. No resident shall be prohibited from exercising their faith of choice, provided it meets the remaining requirements provided for in this standard, and does not jeopardize the safety and welfare of staff and residents.

Residents may make a request for the introduction of a new component to the religious services program (schedule, meeting time and space, religious items and attire) to the chaplain. The chaplain shall ask the resident to provide additional information to aid in the decision of whether to include the practice. Ordinarily, the practice will require up to 30 business days for completion.

The chaplain shall research the request and make recommendations to the facility administrator, who shall add his or her own recommendations and forward them to JFRMU for approval. Such decisions are subject to the facility's availability of staff for supervision. JFRMU shall forward the final decision to the facility administrator and the chaplain shall communicate the decision to the resident.

There shall be no administrative appeal relief from any final decision rendered by JFRMU.

# 8. Religious Holy Days

Each facility shall have written policy and procedures to facilitate resident observance of important holy days, consistent with maintaining safety, security, and orderly operations; and the chaplain shall work with residents to accommodate proper observances.

The facility administrator shall endeavor to facilitate the observance of important religious holy days that involve special fasts, dietary regulations, worship, or work proscription. To verify the religious significance of the requested observance, the facility administrator may direct the chaplain to consult with community representatives

of the resident's faith group or other appropriate sources.

### 9. Religious Property

Each facility administrator shall allow residents access to personal religious property, as consistent with safety, security, and good order.

If necessary, the religious significance of such items shall be verified by the chaplain prior to facility administrator approval.

Resident religious property includes, but is not limited to, rosaries and prayer beads, oils, prayer rugs, phylacteries, medicine pouches, and religious medallions. Such items are part of a resident's personal property and are subject to normal considerations.

As consistent with safety considerations of the facility, the facility administrator:

- Shall ordinarily allow a resident to wear or use personal religious items during religious services, ceremonies, and meetings in the chapel.
- May, upon request of a resident, allow a resident to wear or use certain religious items throughout the facility.

The facility administrator may direct the chaplain to obtain information and advice from representatives of the resident's faith group or other appropriate sources about the religious significance of the items.

Items of religious wearing apparel include, but are not limited to the following:

- Prayer shawls and robes
- Kurda or ribbon shirts
- Medals and pendants
- Beads
- Various types of headwear.

Religious headwear, notably kufis, yarmulkes, turbans, crowns, and headbands, as well as scarves and head wraps for orthodox Muslim and Jewish women are permitted in all areas of the facility, subject to the normal considerations of safety, including inspection by staff.

A resident who wishes to have religious books, magazines, or periodicals must comply with the facility's general rules for ordering, purchasing, retaining, and accumulating personal property. Religious literature is permitted in accordance with the procedures governing incoming publications. Distribution to residents of religious literature purchased by or donated to the ICE/DRO is contingent on approval from the chaplain.

### 10. Dietary Requirements

When a resident's religion requires special food services daily or during certain holy days or fasting periods, restricted diets, etc., staff shall make all reasonable efforts to accommodate those requirements (for example, modifying menus to exclude certain foods or food combinations, providing meals at unusual hours, etc.).

A resident who wants to participate in the religious diet ("Common Fare") program may initiate the *Authorization for Common Fare Participation* Form that is attached to the Residential Standard on "Food Service." That Residential Standard also details how a resident may be removed from a special religious diet when he or she has failed to observe those dietary restrictions.

When there is a question about whether a requested diet is nutritious or healthy, the chaplain shall consult with the medical department.

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## Questionnaire Regarding New or Unfamiliar Religious Practices

Residents requesting the introduction of a new component to a facility's religious services program (such as schedule, meeting time and space, religious items, and attire) shall provide to the chaplain a comprehensive response to each of the following questions, for consideration at the facility and the JFRMU. The process of necessary review may require up to 120 days for completion. The committee recommendation shall be forwarded to the facility administrator and copied to JFRMU. Committee recommendations shall be communicated to the resident by the chaplain.

- What is the official name of the faith group?
- Who is the head of the faith group in the United States?
- What is the address and telephone number of the faith group headquarters in the United States?
- What are the basic teachings of the faith group? Please provide titles or attach particular reference material that would be useful for researching this group.
- Does the faith group have ministers or teachers?
- Are ministers or teachers available to visit members of the faith group residing in family residential facilities?
- Are there religious holidays to be observed by members? If so, when are the holidays, and what religious practices are necessary for the observance?
- Are there any necessary religious items, and what is the religious significance of each item?
- Are there time and space requirements for the group?
- Are you aware of related faith groups or other groups with similar practices?
- Is the religion open to all residents?

## ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

## STAFF-RESIDENT COMMUNICATION

i. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Informal direct and written contact among staff and residents, as well as informal supervisory observation of living and working conditions, is encouraged thereby enhancing security, safety, and orderly facility operations.

Also required is the posting of Hotline informational posters from the Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General.

## II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are:

- 1. Residents will have daily opportunities for informal contact with facility managerial and supervisory staff and with ICE/DRO Field Office staff.
- 2. Facility managerial and supervisory staff and ICE/DRO Field Office staff will frequently and directly observe facility operations and living and working conditions.
- 3. Residents will be able to submit written questions, requests, and concerns to ICE/DRO staff and receive timely responses.
- 4. Residents will be informed about how to directly contact the Department of Horneland Security Office of the Inspector General.
- 5. Resident telephone serviceability will be monitored and documented by ICE staff and any problems immediately reported.
- 6. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
- 7. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED None

#### IV. REFERENCES

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association 4th Edition, Standards for Adult Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-2A-05, 2A-06, 2A-12, 5A-03.

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### 1. Staff and Resident Contact

ICE/DRO residents must have opportunities to have frequent informal access to and interaction with key facility staff members, as well as key ICE/DRO staff. As detailed below, Field Office Directors shall assign Deportation Staff, Immigration Enforcement Agents (IEAs), and Supervisory Immigration Enforcement Agents (SIEAs) to visit Residential facilities.

Often residents in ICE/DRO custody are unaware of, or do not comprehend, the immigration removal process, and staff should explain the general process without providing specific legal advice on individual cases.

Instructions for staff -resident communication shall be posted in each housing area and identified in the resident handbook.

#### a. Unannounced Contacts With Residents

Each facility shall have policy and procedures to ensure and document that the ICE/DRO department heads conduct frequent unannounced, unscheduled visits to the facility's living and activity areas to informally observe living and working conditions and encourage informal communication among staff and residents. Such unannounced visits shall include but not be limited to:

- · Housing Units;
- · Food Service preferably during the lunch meal;
- Recreation Area;
- Infirmary rooms.

These unannounced visits shall be conducted at least weekly.

Each facility shall develop a method to document the unannounced visits, and ICE/DRO staff shall document their visits to Facilities.

#### b. Staff Observation of Residents

Staff shall observe, on a daily basis, all residents for negative indicators, such as injuries, signs of illness, depression, excessive bruising, and changes in overall demeanor.

Staff shall document and report such changes to the medical/mental health unit for follow-up.

## c. Scheduled Contact with Residents

Facility or ICE/DRO staff shall conduct scheduled visits to address residents' personal concerns and monitor living conditions. Visiting staff shall be knowledgeable with the ICE/DRO Residential Standards and report any violations to ICE management.

The facility administrator or ICE management shall develop written schedules of weekly visits and ensure they are posted in resident living and other appropriate areas. Each facility shall have specific procedures for documenting each visit.

#### d. Written Resident Requests to Staff

Residents may submit written questions, requests, or concerns to ICE/DRO staff, using the attached resident request form, a local Facility form, or a sheet of paper.

Such informal written requests are not intended as a substitute for the more formal process specified in the Residential Standard on "Resident Grievance Procedure"; however, informal written requests may be used to resolve informal grievances, as described in that Standard.

To prepare a written request, a resident may obtain assistance from another resident, the housing staff, or other facility staff and may, if he or she chooses, seal the request in an envelope that is clearly addressed with name, title, and/or office to which the request is to be forwarded.

Each facility administrator shall:

- Ensure that adequate supplies of resident request forms and writing implements are available.
- Have written procedures to promptly route and deliver resident requests to the appropriate ICE/DRO officials by authorized personnel (not residents) without reading, altering, or delaying.
- Ensure that the standard operating procedures accommodate residents with special assistance needs because they are disabled, illiterate, or limited in their use of English.

## d. Response Times

The staff member receiving a written request shall normally respond in person or in writing as soon as possible and practicable, no longer than within 72 hours of receipt.

## e. Record keeping and File Maintenance

All requests shall be recorded in a logbook (or electronic logbook) specifically designed for that purpose. At a minimum, the log shall record:

- Date of receipt;
- Resident's name;
- Resident's A-number;
- Resident's nationality;

Name of the staff member who logged the request;

• Date the request, with staff response and action, was returned to the resident; and

Any other pertinent site-specific information.

In Facilities, the date the request was forwarded to ICE/DRO and the date it was returned shall also be recorded.

A copy of each completed Resident Request shall be filed in the resident's Residential file and be retained there for at least three years.

#### f. Resident Handbook

Each facility's handbook shall advise residents of the procedures to submit written questions, requests, or concerns to ICE/DRO staff, as well as the availability of assistance to prepare such requests.

## 2. Monitoring Resident Telephone Services

ICE/DRO shall ensure that all phones for resident use are tested at least weekly. To verify the serviceability of all telephones in resident housing units, ICE/DRO staff shall:

- Make random calls to pre-programmed numbers for attorney and consulate services,
- Interview a sampling of residents regarding telephone services, and
- Review written resident complaints regarding telephone services.

Staff shall report any telephone serviceability problem within 24 hours to the appropriate ICE point of contact.

Staff shall document each serviceability test on a form that has been provided by DRO, and each field office shall maintain those forms, organized by month, for three years. The Residential Standards Compliance Unit shall conduct random audits of field office compliance.

#### 3. OIG Hotline Informational Posters

The Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General (OIG) periodically revises a "DHS OIG Hotline" poster to be posted in facilities that house ICE/DRO residents.

- a. The Chief of the Detention Standards Compliance Unit in the Detention Management Division is designated as the contact point for coordination with OIG and is responsible for distribution of Hotline posters to Field Office Directors.
- b. Field Office Directors shall distribute sufficient numbers of the posters to facilities that house ICE/DRO residents. It is recommended that each Field Office maintain a master copy from which additional copies can be duplicated when needed.
- c. Facility administrator shall ensure that posters are posted in every housing unit and in appropriate common areas (recreation areas, dining areas, processing areas, etc.).

In each Facility and ICE staging area, the facility administrator shall ensure that posters are mounted in appropriate common areas (recreation areas, dining areas, processing areas, etc.).

d. During staff-resident communication visits, ICE/DRO staff shall verify the presence of posters at designated locations and shall ensure that any missing posters are replaced as soon as possible.

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#### **Model Protocol**

## **Residential Staff Facility Contact Visits**

A. Purpose and Scope. This protocol is intended as a model that may be adopted or adapted by Field Office Directors for residential staff facility liaison visits and staff-resident communication.

While the Residential Standard on Staff-Resident Communication broadly addresses informal direct and written contact among facility and ICE/DRO staff and residents, as well as informal supervisory observation of living and working conditions, this Model Protocol more narrowly addresses facility liaison visits by deportation staffs.

In particular, this protocol presents a model for documenting liaison visits.

#### **B.** Objectives

- 1. Residents will have opportunities for informal contact with deportation staffs.
- 2. Deportation staffs will directly observe facility operations and resident living and working conditions.
- 3. Residents will be deterred from activities that threaten the safety of other residents.
- 4. ICE/DRO will have clear and consistent documentation of staff-resident contacts and of professional staff observations about facility safety and security.
- 5. ICE/DRO will continually verify the accuracy of DETS in regard to the number of residents at the facility.

## C. Observation and Communication. The deportation staff shall:

- Verify that the number of residents in the facility agrees with the number shown in DETS. (Expecting to find the 10 aliens listed in DETS but encountering 50 sets the stage for inaccurate and untimely case processing.)
- 2. Enter all units in which residents are housed and document observations of the general living conditions:
  - a. General population housing units,
  - b. Medical units (infirmaries, hospitals).
- 3. Verify that basic living conditions meet standards and that fixtures are in good working order (lights, plumbing fixtures, etc.).
- 4. Speak informally with residents, in addition to any "scheduled contacts" (as required by the Staff-Resident Communication Residential Standard).
- 5. Look for any physical signs of resident abuse (such as facial bruises).

- 6. Look for any signs of resident intimidation, such as hoarding of clothing, bedding, towels, personal hygiene items, or other personal items by some residents while others go without.
- 7. Speak with housing staff and gather information about any residents who are dominating other residents.
- 8. Inquire about any other staff concerns.
- 9. Document visits in the unit housing logs.
- 10. Review resident grievances to determine if they are answered in accordance with time frames required by the **Grievance System** Residential Standard, as well as whether there is any discernible pattern to those grievances.

## D. Immediate Reporting to Higher Authorities. The deportation staff shall:

- 1. Immediately report any immediate concern about safety, security, or operations to a higher authority (or authorities) as is appropriate to remedy the circumstances (Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations, OIC, facility administrator, field office director, etc.).
- 2. Document those circumstances and the resolution in the liaison visit report.

## E. Documentation. The deportation staff shall:

- 1. Document each visit, in the following Deportation Staff Facility Liaison Visit format.
- 2. Scan and e-mail the forms to the Field Office Director or Assistant Field Staff Director on the last Friday of each month.
- 3. Highlight in the e-mail itself any particularly notable problems encountered and the status of solutions to those problems.

## **Deportation Staff Facility Liaison Visit**

Facility: Pine Ridge Correctional Institution

**Conducted By:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

Arrival Time: 08:45 am

Departure Time: 11:30 am

Total Facility Count 1030

ICE Count: 176
ICE Residents in Infirmary 0

General Sanitation: Good

Staff: Very helpful and reported no concerns.

Medical Staff: Reported no problems.

Housing Units Visited: B Dorm

C Cell House (segregation)

#### 1. Verification of DETS Count

One resident was not in DETS, but has now been added:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

#### 2. Scheduled interviews

The following were processed for fingerprints, photos, and or document service:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

## 3. Informal Contacts/Unscheduled Interviews

I spoke with several residents in B dorm, who voiced no special complaints. The unit was orderly, and staff voiced no particular concerns. I observed that some resident clothing was hanging from beds and window frames, and the unit staff instructed those residents to remove those articles and properly store them.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(c) Guatemala

Claims to have lost his property and cash receipts during. I spoke with the Associate Warden, who said copies of the receipts would be provided to him that afternoon. He also wants a job, and I explained how he should apply through facility channels.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(c) Columbia

Claims to be a prior deport who just wants his IJ order reinstated so he can go back home. Actually a B&B case, whose file is in travel.

#### 4. Grievances

A review of nine grievances filed for the last 90 days (four by one residents) indicates they were answered within time limits, and that, in four instances, relief was granted the resident.

Two resident grievances are pending – both relating to lost property from a unit shakedown last week.

#### 5. General Observations and Comments

The facility was very clean and well staffed. I observed about 20 residents playing soccer on the recreation field. The staff was cooperative, and no other issues were raised by any resident. Since the Warden was on vacation, I met with the Associate Warden who was acting.

## ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

#### **RESIDENT CENSUS**

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Each facility has an ongoing, effective system of resident census to verify presence within the facility at specified times, thereby protecting the residential community from harm and enhancing facility security, safety, and good order.

#### II. EXPECTED OUTCOME.

- 1. The expected outcome of this Standard is that security, safety, and orderly facility operations will be maintained through an ongoing, effective system of resident census.
- 2. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
- 3. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

#### IV. REFERENCES

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American Correctional Association 4th Edition Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-2A-16, 2A-17.

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### 1. Resident census

Resident census is conducted at specific times of the day and night in a predetermined manner. A formal resident census should be conducted (b)(7)(e) times a day, with a shift supervisor verifying census accuracy. During the formal census, residents shall report to pre-designated areas at specified times and check in with staff as required. The census shall not resemble a standing head count such as those used in correctional operations except as permitted within this standard.

Census procedures must be strictly followed. If the accuracy of a census is in doubt, the staff shall do a census and any other double-checking necessary. Staff performing the census shall never rely on a roll call.

- a. Staffs shall encourage resident cooperation; however, they shall not allow residents to perform the census, nor participate in the preparation or documentation of the census process.
- b. As each area reports its census, the control staff shall so indicate in the control log. If any area/unit reports an incorrect census, all residents will be required to be returned to their housing unit for a formal census.
- c. A formal census requires face-to-photo verification. When the face-to-photo census has been completed, the control staff shall report that census to the shift supervisor responsible for accepting and clearing the census.
- d. In the event that a resident is unaccounted for after the face-to-photo verification, the supervisor on duty shall institute the escape policy.
- e. The census shall not be conducted during sleeping hours and staff shall not shine lights or otherwise disturb residents unless an exigent circumstance exists.

#### 2. Face-to-Photo Verification

Face-to-photo verification shall be conducted as necessary.

Face-to-photo verification procedures are the same as the formal census procedures, except each resident shall be matched with the photo on his or her l-385 card or other facility photo-identification card.

#### 3. Master Census

The facility Control Center shall maintain a master census.

The facility control staff maintains the master census record. He or she must be provided with up-to-the-minute information regarding resident admissions, releases, housing changes, hospital admissions, and any other changes that could affect resident accountability.

#### 4. Out-Counts

The control staff shall maintain an out-count record of the number and destination of all residents who temporarily leave the facility.

This record must contain an accurate and up-to-date listing of every temporary departure and return of a resident

#### 5. Emergency Counts

An emergency count shall be conducted when there is reason to believe a resident is missing, or after a major incident has occurred.

An emergency count is a formal census taken in addition to and at a different time from the regularly scheduled Resident reporting. When a resident is unaccounted for, or a major incident has ended, a census shall be taken to determine that no residents or staff are missing.

All residents shall be returned to their housing units during emergency counts. An emergency count is conducted in the same manner as a formal census.

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## **ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD**

#### **SEARCHES OF RESIDENTS**

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Contraband is detected, controlled, and/or properly disposed of, protecting residents and staff and enhancing facility good order and security.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Residents will live and work in a safe and orderly environment.
  - 2. Contraband will be controlled.
  - 3. Searches of residents, housing and work areas will be conducted without unnecessary force and in ways that, insofar as is practical, preserve the dignity of residents.
  - 4. When body searches are conducted, the least intrusive practicable search method will be employed, as determined by the type of contraband and the method of suspected introduction or concealment.
  - 5. A pat-down search will be conducted only when there is reasonable belief or suspicion that contraband may be concealed on the person, or a good opportunity for concealment has occurred, and, if required, when properly authorized by a supervisor.
  - Contraband that may be evidence of a criminal law violation will be preserved, inventoried, controlled, and stored so as to maintain and document the chain of custody.
  - 7. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 8. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED

None.

#### IV. REFERENCES

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American Correctional Association Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities, 4th Edition: 4-ALDF-2C-01, 2C-02, 2C-03, 2C-04, 2C-05, 2C-06, 2A-20, 6C-19.

October 15, 2007, Memorandum from DRO Director John Torres, "Change Notice: Admission and Release- National Detention Standard Strip Search Policy."

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

## 1. Written Policy and Procedures Required

All facilities shall have written policy and procedures for:

- a. Employment of the least intrusive method of search practicable, as determined by the type of contraband and the method of suspected introduction or concealment;
- b. Conduct of body searches, including frisks ("pat-downs"), visual searches ("strip searches"), body cavity searches, and x-rays;
- Avoidance of unnecessary force and efforts to preserve the dignity of residents during searches, to the extent practicable;
- d. Avoidance of unnecessary disorder during a search of housing or work areas; such searches shall not be conducted on a routine basis;
- e. Handling of contraband;
- f. Preservation of evidence.

#### 2. Staff Training

Staff shall receive initial and annual training on effective search techniques.

## 3. Search of Resident Housing and Work Areas

The purpose for searching resident housing and work areas is to ensure a safe living environment for families. Periodically, staff may search a resident's housing and work area as well as personal items contained within those areas, without notice to, or approval from the resident. However, search of a resident's personal items should include notification to the resident and require their presence unless exigent circumstances exist. The facility is required to notify ICE weekly of all physical plant searches conducted. ICE shall immediately be notified of any instance in which hard contraband is found. Each facility shall establish procedures to ensure all housing units and work areas are searched at least daily, however, search times shall be at irregular intervals to prevent staging of contraband. Inspections are primarily designed to:

- a. Detect contraband;
- b. Prevent escapes;
- c. Maintain sanitary standards, and;
- d. Eliminate fire and safety hazards.

Staff shall maintain written documentation of each area search. The Assistant

Facility Administrator for Operations shall maintain the inspectors' documentation.

#### 4. Searches of Residents

Staff shall document all searches, authorizations, and the reasons for the searches in any logs used to record searches and in the resident's residential file.

#### a. Pat Search

During admission to a facility, or at any time thereafter, pat-downs shall not be conducted on any resident unless reasonable and articulable suspicion can be documented. No child resident fourteen years old or younger may be the subject of a pat-down search without the explicit authorization of the facility administrator or the assistant facility administrator.

A pat-down is an inspection of a resident, using the hands. The inspector uses his or her sense of touch when patting or running the hands over the clothed resident's body. It is considered the least intrusive of the body searches and should only be conducted by a staff member of the same gender.

A pat-down does not require the resident to remove clothing, although the inspection includes a search of the resident's clothing and personal effects.

A hand-held and/or stationary metal detector shall be available and will be used in lieu of a pat-down.

#### b. Strip/Visual Search

Description: A strip search, also referred to as a visual search may not be authorized or conducted without the explicit consent of the ICE facility administrator. A strip search shall only be conducted by (b)(7)(e) ICE staff members of the same gender as the resident and only under circumstances where it can be shown that a life or public safety issue is clearly established. A strip search may never be conducted on a child under age fourteen without the authorization of the Field Office Director and JFRMU.

In any instance where a parent must be searched, the search shall not be performed in the presence of any child. In any instance where a child must be searched, the parent must be present.

A strip search is a visual inspection of all body surfaces and body cavities. The inspector shall not touch any skin surface of the resident. However, the inspector may request that the resident move parts of the body to permit visual inspection. It is considered more intrusive than a pat-down and shall be made in a manner designed to ensure as much privacy to the resident as practicable.

A strip search requires the removal or rearrangement of some or all of the resident's clothing to examine the clothing or to permit the inspection of exterior skin surfaces of the body, including breasts and exterior anal and genital areas, inside of the nose, ears, and mouth. If items are discovered that protrude from a body cavity, the removal of those items are governed by the procedures applicable to body cavity searches, addressed below.

#### c. Body Cavity Searches

In every instance where it is established that a foreign object is located within a body cavity, only a qualified medical authority shall be authorized to locate and remove the object. Only the Chief JFRMU in conjunction with the Field Office Director can authorize this type of search.

#### 5. PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE

Contraband that may be evidence of a criminal law violation shall be preserved, inventoried, controlled, and stored so as to maintain and document the chain of custody, and shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement authority for action and possible seizure and prosecution.

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## ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

## SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. This Residential Standard requires that facilities that house ICE/DRO residents/residents in residential facilities affirmatively act to prevent sexual abuse and assaults on residents, provide prompt and effective intervention and treatment for victims of sexual abuse and assault, and control, discipline, and prosecute the perpetrators of sexual abuse and assault.

It applies to the all residential facilities housing DRO residents:

- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Residential Standard are:
  - 1. Sexual abuse and assault of residents will be prevented.
  - 2. Residents will be informed about the facility's sexual abuse or assault prevention and intervention program.
  - 3. Residents will be screened to identify those likely to be sexual aggressors or sexual victims and will be housed to prevent sexual abuse or assault.
  - 4. All allegations of sexual abuse or assault will be promptly and effectively reported and investigated.
  - 5. If sexual abuse or assault of any resident occurs, the medical, psychological, safety, and social needs of the victim will be promptly and effectively met.
  - 6. Where possible and feasible, a victim of sexual assault will be referred under appropriate security provisions to a specialized community facility for treatment and gathering of evidence.
  - 7. Assailants will be controlled, disciplined, and/or prosecuted.
  - 8. Sexual conduct between staff and residents, volunteers, or contract personnel and residents, regardless of consensual status, will be prohibited and subject to administrative, disciplinary, and criminal sanctions.
  - 9. All case records associated with claims of sexual abuse, including incident reports, investigative reports, offender information, case disposition, medical and counseling evaluation findings, and recommendations for post-release treatment and/or counseling will be retained in accordance with an established schedule.
  - 10. Each facility will separately track incidents of sexual abuse and assault.
  - 11. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 12. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED

This is a new Detention Standard.

#### IV. REFERENCES

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various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

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Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA)

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### A. Background

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) sets a "zero tolerance" standard regarding rape and sexual assault in "any confinement facility of a Federal, state, or local government, whether administered by such government or by a private organization."

Research indicates that a small percentage of individuals express aggression and seek to dominate others through violent sexual behavior. Forceful and pressured sexual interactions are among the most serious threats to resident safety and institutional order. Victims may suffer physical and psychological harm, and could be infected with a life-threatening disease.

Not only does ICE/DRO expect all facilities to affirmatively act to prevent sexual abuse and assaults on ICE/DRO residents, but it also takes very seriously all allegations of sexual misconduct and assault against any ICE/DRO resident in any facility. Every allegation is reviewed and, where warranted, referred for criminal prosecution, with a "zero-tolerance" standard.

## **B. Written Policy and Procedures Required**

Each facility administrator shall have written policy and procedures for a Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention Program that includes, at a minimum:

- 1. Prevention,
- 2. Prompt and effective intervention to address the safety and treatment needs of resident victims if an assault occurs, and
- 3. Investigation, discipline, and prosecution of assailants.

A continuum of crisis intervention, counseling, investigation, and prosecution of sexual abuse or assault victims has become a specialty in itself, and each facility administrator should always consider the expertise and services available in the local community.

Appendix B offers sample protocols as guidelines for staff in the development of written policies and procedures. Some procedures may not be applicable or feasible for implementation at a particular facility; however to the extent possible, they should be incorporated as part of a successful program.

The facility administrator of each facility shall ensure that, within 90 days of the effective date of this Detention Standard, written policy and procedures are in place and that the facility is in full compliance with its requirements and guidelines.

Each facility policy and procedures shall reflect the unique characteristics of each facility, based on such factors as:

- The risk and likelihood of sexual abuse or assault, given the facility's mission, resident population, and security level;
- Staffing resources and the availability of specialized community-based services, such as rape crisis/trauma units in local medical centers, clinics, and hospitals.

The facility administrator shall submit the local policy and procedures document to the Chief, Juvenile and Family Residential Management Unit (JFRMU) for review and approval. JFRMU shall ensure that each residential facility:

- Specifies procedures for offering immediate protection to any resident who alleges that he or she has been sexually assaulted;
- Specifies local response procedures (including referral procedures to appropriate law enforcement agencies) to be followed when a sexual assault occurs;
- Establishes procedures to involve outside agencies in sexual abuse or assault prevention and intervention programs, if such resources are available;
- Designates specific staff (psychologist, deputy facility administrator, appropriate medical staff, etc.) to be responsible for staff training activities;
- Specifies how the safety needs of a victim will be protected over time;
- Specifies the senior manager responsible for insuring that staff are appropriately trained and respond in a coordinated fashion when a resident reports an incident of sexual abuse or assault;
- Designated a specific staff member to be responsible for resident education regarding issues pertaining to sexual assault; and
- Specifies how medical staff will be trained or certified in procedures for examining and treating victims of sexual assault in institutions where medical staff will be assigned these activities.

## C. Program Coordinator

The facility administrator shall designate a Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention Program Coordinator to:

- Assist in the development of the program and the written policies and procedures and with keeping them up to date.
- Assist with the development of initial and ongoing training protocols.
- Serve as a liaison with other agencies.
- Coordinate the gathering of statistics and/or reports on incidents of sexual abuse or assault, as detailed below in the section on Tracking Incidents of

#### Sexual Abuse and Assault.

# D. Definitions. For the purposes of this Residential Standard, the following definitions apply:

#### 1. Resident-on-resident sexual abuse or assault

One or more residents engaging in a sexual act with another resident or the use of threats, intimidation, inappropriate touching, or other actions and or communications by one or more residents aimed at coercing and or pressuring another resident to engage in a sexual act. Sexual acts or contacts between residents, even when no objections are raised, are prohibited acts.

#### 2. Staff-on-resident sexual abuse or assault

Engaging in, or attempting to engage in a sexual act with any resident or the intentional touching of an resident's genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks with the intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, arouse, or gratify the sexual desire of any person. Sexual acts or contacts between a resident and a staff member, even when no objections are raised, are always illegal.

## E. Sexual Conduct Between Residents and Staff, Volunteers, or Contract Personnel Prohibited

Sexual conduct between staff and residents, volunteers, or contract personnel, regardless of consensual status, is prohibited and subject to administrative and criminal disciplinary sanctions.

#### F. Staff Training

Training on the facility's Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention Program shall be included in initial training for new employees, volunteers, and contract personnel and be included in annual refresher training thereafter.

Training shall include:

- Understanding that sexual abuse or assault is never an acceptable consequence of detention;
- Recognizing housing or other situations where sexual abuse or assault may occur;
- Recognizing the physical, behavioral, and emotional signs of sexual abuse or assault and ways to prevent such occurrences;
- Knowing how to report knowledge or suspicion of sexual abuse or assault and make intervention referrals in the facility's program.
- Appendix A lists resources available from the National Institute of Corrections that may be useful in developing a training program and/or for direct use in training, including a copy of the PREA, two videos, a facilitator's guide, reference material, and a PowerPoint presentation.

#### G. Resident Notification and Orientation

The facility administrator shall ensure that the orientation program required by the Residential Standard on Admission and Release and the resident handbook

required by the Residential Standard on **Resident Handbook** notifies and informs residents about the facility's Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention Program and includes (at a minimum): Prevention/intervention;

- Self-protection;
- Reporting sexual abuse or assault; and
- Treatment and counseling.

Each facility's Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention Program shall provide residents who are victims of sexual abuse or assault an option to report the incident or situation to a designated staff member other than an immediate point-of-contact line officer (for example, the program coordinator or a mental health specialist).

ICE has provided a Sexual Assault Awareness notice (4/17/2006) to be posted on all housing unit bulletin boards (Attachment 1), as well as a Sexual Assault Awareness Information brochure (4/17/2006).

#### H. Prevention

All staff and residents are responsible for being alert to signs of potential situations in which sexual assaults might occur and making reports and intervention referrals.

In accordance with the Residential Standards on **Admission and Release** and **Classification System**:

- Residents shall be screened upon arrival at the facility for potential vulnerabilities or tendencies of acting out with sexually aggressive behavior.
  - Each new arrival shall be kept separated from the general population until he
    or she is classified and may be housed accordingly.
  - Residents with a history of sexually assaultive behavior shall not be eligible for placement in a family residential center and shall be refused admission and immediately transferred to a secure facility. Residents identified as "high risk" of sexually assaultive behavior shall not be eligible for placement in a family residential center and shall be refused admission and immediately transferred to a secure facility.
  - Residents at risk for sexual victimization shall be identified, monitored, and counseled. Residents identified as "high risk" for sexual victimization shall be assessed by a mental health or other qualified professional.

## I. Prompt and Effective Intervention

Staff sensitivity toward residents who are victims of sexual abuse or assault is critical.

Staff shall take seriously all statements from residents that they have been victims of sexual assaults and respond supportively and non-judgmentally. Any resident who alleges that he or she has been sexually assaulted shall be offered immediate protection from the assailant and referred for a medical examination and/or a clinical assessment of the potential for suicide or other symptoms.

#### J. Notifications and Referrals

Designated staff shall provide services to victims and shall conduct investigations of sexual abuse or assault incidents. Information concerning the identity of a resident victim reporting a sexual assault, and the facts of the report itself, shall be limited to those who have a need to know in order to make decisions concerning the resident-victim's welfare and for law enforcement/investigative purposes.

The timely reporting of all incidents and allegations is of paramount importance.

#### 1. Alleged Resident Perpetrator

When a resident(s) is alleged to be the perpetrator, it is the facility administrator's responsibility to ensure that the incident is promptly referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction and reported to ICE through the SEN (Significant Event Notice) system.

#### 2. Alleged Staff Perpetrator

When an employee, contractor, or volunteer is alleged to be the perpetrator of resident sexual abuse or assault, the following shall immediately be notified:

- The facility administrator,
- The highest ranking on-site ICE/DRO representative (who may be the OIC),
- The Chief, JFRMU
- The respective Field Office Director.

The Chief, JFRMU shall notify:

- The Office of the Principle Legal Advisor
- The area Field Office Director
- The Assistant Director[s] for Management and Operations
- The Deputy Assistant Director, Detention Management Division,
- The ICE Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR). OPR will refer the matter to the DHS Office of the Inspector General (OIG).
- The Joint Intake Center

The facility administrator or Chief, JFRMU shall also refer the matter to the FBI (or other appropriate law enforcement agency).

#### K. Investigation and Prosecution

If a resident alleges sexual assault, a sensitive and coordinated response is necessary.

Appropriate staff shall preserve the crime scene and collect information/evidence in coordination with the referral agency and consistent with evidence gathering/processing procedures.

Collection and preservation of physical evidence is paramount to any potential prosecution of an alleged assailant. For this reason, the victim of a sexual assault shall be transported to the nearest hospital for examination and collection of physical

evidence. The Division of Immigration Health Services is not trained to perform forensic collection and should not be used to examine and collect evidence. The results of the physical examination and all collected physical evidence are to be provided to the Chief, JFRMU. Appropriate infectious disease testing, as determined by the health services provider, may be necessary. Part of the investigative process may also include an examination of and collection of physical evidence from the suspected assailant(s).

## L. Transfer of Residents to Hospitals or Other Institutions

When possible and feasible, victims of sexual assault should be referred under appropriate security provisions to a community facility for treatment and gathering of evidence.

If these procedures are performed in-house, the following guidelines apply:

- A history is taken by health care professionals who conduct an examination to document the extent of physical injury and to determine if referral to another medical facility is indicated. With the victim's consent, the examination includes collection of evidence from, the victim, using a kit approved by the appropriate authority.
- Provision is made for testing for sexually transmitted diseases (for example, HIV, gonorrhea, hepatitis, and other diseases and counseling, as appropriate.
- Prophylactic treatment and follow-up for sexually transmitted diseases are offered to all victims, as appropriate.
- Following the physical examination, there is availability of an evaluation by a mental health professional to assess the need for crisis intervention counseling and long-term follow-up.

A report is made to the facility or program administrator or designee to assure separation of the victim from his or her assailant.

## M. Tracking Incidents of Sexual Abuse and Assaults

All case records associated with claims of sexual abuse, including incident reports, investigative reports, offender information, case disposition, medical and counseling evaluation findings, and recommendations for post-release treatment and/or counseling are maintained in appropriate files in accordance with other Residential Standards and applicable policies and retained in accordance with established schedules.

Monitoring and evaluation are essential to assess both sexual assault levels and agency effectiveness in reducing sexually abusive behavior. Accordingly, the facility administrator must maintain two types of files.

- General files include:
  - o The victim(s) and assailant(s) of a sexual assault,
  - o Crime characteristics, and
  - o Formal and or informal action taken.
- Investigative files include:

- o All reports,
- o Medical forms,
- o Supporting memos and videotapes, and
- Any other evidentiary materials pertaining to the allegation.

The facility administrator shall maintain these files chronologically in a secure location. Each facility administrator shall maintain a listing of the names of sexual assault victims and assailants along with the dates and locations of all sexual assault incidents occurring within the institution (b)(7)(e)

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Access to this designation shall be limited to those staff that are involved on the treatment of the victim or the investigation of the incident. The authorized designation will allow administrative, treatment, and facility administrator staff to track the resident across the system who have been involved in sexual assault either as a victim or as an assailant. Based on the designated reporting data, the ICE/DRO program office shall report annually the number of sexual assaults occurring within secure detention facilities utilized by ICE/DRO. Data will be provided through the SEN system.

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#### Appendix A

## Resources Available from the National Institute of Corrections

## The National Institution of Corrections (NIC):

- Offers training and technical assistance and provides a national clearinghouse for information on the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA), and
- Is required by the PRLE to produce an annual report to Congress.

## "PREA Tool Kit 1," available from NIC, contains:

- A copy of the video, Facing Prison Rape, and the accompanying Facilitator's Guide.
- A copy of the full 3-hour videoconference "How PREA Affects You."
- A copy of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003.
- A bibliography of reference material.
- A PowerPoint presentation containing am overview and introduction to the PREA.

#### Appendix B

## Sample Sexual Abuse Prevention and Intervention Protocols

These protocols serve as guidelines for staff in the development of written policies and procedures for a Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention Program. Some procedures may not be applicable or feasible for implementation at a particular facility; however to the extent possible, they should be incorporated as part of a successful program.

## I. VICTIM IDENTIFICATION (all staff)

A. Primarily, staff learn that a sexual abuse or assault has occurred during confinement because:

- Staff discover an assault in progress.
- A victim reports an assault to a staff member.
- Another resident reports abuse or an assault, or a resident is the subject of resident rumors.
- Medical evidence indicates the probability of a abuse or an assault.

While some victims will be clearly identified, many, even most, may not come forward directly with information. Some victims may be identified through unexplained injuries, changes in physical behavior due to injuries, or abrupt personality changes such as withdrawal or suicidal behavior.

- B. The following guidelines may help staff in responding appropriately to a suspected victim:
  - If it is suspected that the resident was sexually assaulted, the resident should be advised of the importance of getting help to deal with the assault, that he or she may be evaluated medically for sexually transmitted diseases and other injuries, and that trained personnel are available to assist.
  - Staff should review the background of a suspected victim, and the circumstances surrounding the incident, without jeopardizing the resident's safety, identity, and privacy.
  - If staff discover an assault in progress, the suspected victim should be removed from the immediate area for care and for interviewing by appropriate staff.
  - If a suspected victim is fearful of being labeled an informer, he or she should be advised that the identity of the assailant(s) is not needed to receive assistance.
  - The staff member who first identifies that an assault may have occurred should refer the matter to the security shift supervisor or investigative supervisor.

## II. PROCEDURES FOR STAFF INTERVENTION AND INVESTIGATION

The following procedures may apply for reported or known victims of sexual assault. If the resident was threatened with sexual assault or was assaulted on an earlier occasion, some steps may not be necessary.

#### A. Early Intervention Techniques (all staff)

- It is important that all contact with a sexual assault victim be sensitive, supportive, and non-judgmental.
- It is not necessary to make a judgment about whether or not a sexual assault occurred.
- Remove resident victim(s) from the immediate area;
- Alert medical staff immediately and escort the victim for a medical evaluation as soon as possible. If necessary, medical staff should refer the victim to a local emergency facility.
- Appropriate staff should coordinate other services to do follow-up (housing, suicide assessment, etc.).
- To facilitate evidence collection, it is important that the victim <u>not</u> shower, wash, drink, eat, defecate or change any clothing until examined.
- A brief statement about the assault should be obtained from the resident. The victim may be in shock, and unable to give much detail. It is important to be understanding and responsive. Opportunities to secure more details will occur later.
- Following medical evaluation/treatment, the victim may need to be reassigned to protective custody or to another secure area of the facility. Ensure no alleged assailant is located in the area.

## B. Collect Evidence from Victim - (security and investigative staff)

- Be sure to use HIV infection ("universal") precautions and procedures. Contact medical staff to determine how to preserve medical indications of sexual assault. In the crime scene area, look for the presence of semen that can be used as evidence. For example, blankets and sheets should be collected.
- Use standard evidence collection procedures (photographs, etc.).

## C. Collect Evidence from Assailant - (security and health services staff)

- Identify the assailant if possible and isolate the assailant, whenever possible, pending further investigation.
- Use standard investigative and evidence-gathering procedures.
- Report the incident to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- If institution medical staff attempt to examine the alleged assailant, findings should be documented both photographically and in writing. A written summary of all medical evidence and findings should be completed and maintained in the resident's medical record. Copies should also be provided to supervisory security staff and appropriate law enforcement officials.

#### III. MEDICAL ASSESSMENT OF VICTIM - (health services staff)

- If trained medical staff are available in the institution, render treatment locally whenever feasible.
- If the alleged victim is examined in the institution to determine the extent of injuries, all findings should be documented both photographically and in writing in the resident's medical record, with a copy to supervisory security staff and appropriate law enforcement official.
- If deemed necessary by the examining physician, follow established procedures for use of outside medical consultants or for an escorted trip to an outside medical facility.
- Notify staff at the community medical facility and alert them to the resident's condition.
- When necessary, conduct STD and HIV testing.
- Refer the resident for crisis counseling as appropriate.

# IV. MEDICAL TRANSFERS FOR EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT - (security and health services staff)

- If determined appropriate by the institution physician and if approved by the facility administrator or designee, the resident may be examined by medical personnel from the community. A contractual arrangement may be developed with a rape crisis center or other available community medical service to enhance institution medical services. The contract should provide for clinical examination, for assessing physical injuries and for the collection of any physical evidence of sexual assault. It should also allow for contract medical personnel to come into the institution and for the escorting of residents to the contract facility (crisis care center, medical clinic, hospital, etc.).
- Escorting staff should treat the victim in a supportive and non-judgmental way.
- Information about the assault is confidential, and should be given only to those directly involved in the investigation and/or treatment of the victim.

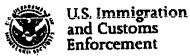
## V. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - (mental health staff)

- Mental health staff should be notified immediately after the initial report of an allegation of sexual abuse or assault of a resident.
- Any alleged victim should be seen within 24 hours following such notification, by a mental health clinician to provide crisis intervention and to assess any immediate and subsequent treatment needs.
- The findings of the initial crisis/evaluation session should be summarized in writing within one week of the initial session and placed in the appropriate treatment record, with a copy provided to the hospital administrator or clinical director and other staff responsible for oversight of sexual abuse or assault prevention and intervention procedures.

- Additional psychological or psychiatric treatment, as well as continued assessment of mental health status and treatment needs, should be provided as needed, with the victim's full consent and collaboration. Decisions regarding the need for continued treatment and/or assessment should be made by qualified clinicians according to established professional standards, and should be made with an awareness that a victim of sexual abuse or assault commonly experiences both immediate and delayed psychiatric and/or emotional symptoms.
- If a victim chooses to continue to pursue treatment, the clinician will either provide appropriate treatment or facilitate referral to an appropriate treatment option including individual therapy, group therapy, further psychological assessment, assignment to a mental health case load and/or facility, referral to a psychiatrist, and/or other treatment options. Pending referral, mental health services should continue unabated. If a victim chooses to decline further treatment services, he or she should be asked to sign a statement to that effect.
- All treatment and evaluation sessions should be properly documented and placed in the appropriate treatment record to ensure continuity of care.
- Should a victim be released from custody during the course of treatment, the victim should be advised of community mental health resources in his/her area.

#### VI. MONITORING AND FOLLOW-UP

- Classification and security staff should place the resident in appropriate housing and assess the risk of keeping the victim at the same facility where the incident occurred.
- Housing, medical and mental health staff should monitor the physical and mental health of the victim and coordinate the continuation of necessary services.
- Medical staff should dispense medication; provide routine examinations and STD and HIV follow-up.
- Mental health staff should conduct post-crisis counseling and arrange for psychiatric care if necessary.



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS: This document is required to be posted in each Housing Unit Bulletin Board at all Residential Centers that house ICE residents.

While detained by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of Detention and Removal, you have a right to be safe and free from sexual harassment and sexual assault. Report all attempted assaults and assaults to your housing unit officer, a supervisor, the Officer In Charge, or directly to the Office of the Inspector General at 1 (800) 3236), (b)(7)(c)

#### Definitions:

Resident-on-Resident Sexual Abuse/Assault: One or more residents engaging in, or attempting to engage in a sexual act with another resident or the use of threats, intimidation, inappropriate touching or other actions and/or communications by one or more residents aimed at coercing and/or pressuring another resident to engage in a sexual act.

Staff-on-Resident Sexual Abuse/Assault: Staff member engaging in, or attempting to engage in a sexual act with any resident or the intentional touching of a resident's genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inter thigh, or buttocks with the intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, arouse, or gratify the sexual desires of any person. Sexual abuse/assault of residents by staff or other residents is an inappropriate use of power and is prohibited by ICE policy and the law.

Staff Sexual Misconduct is: Sexual behavior between a staff member and resident which can include, but is not limited to indecent, profane or abusive language or gestures and inappropriate visual surveillance of residents.

#### Prohibited Acts:

A resident who engages in inappropriate sexual behavior with or directs it at others, can be charged with the following Prohibited Acts under the Resident Disciplinary Policy.

- Sexual Assault;
- Making a Sexual Proposal;
- Using Abusive or Obscene Language;
- Engaging in a Sex Act;
- Indecent Exposure

#### Detention as a Safe Environment:

While you are detained, no one has the right to pressure you to engage in sexual acts or engage in unwanted sexual behavior regardless of your age, size, race, or ethnicity. Regardless of your sexual orientation, you have the right to be safe from unwanted sexual advances and acts.

#### Confidentiality:

Information concerning the identity of a resident victim reporting a sexual assault, and the facts of the report itself, shall be limited to those who have the need to know in order to make decisions concerning the resident-victim's welfare and for law enforcement/investigative purposes.

#### **Avoiding Sexual Assault:**

Here are some things you can do to protect yourself against sexual assault:

- Carry yourself in a confident manner. Many offenders choose victims who look like they won't fight back or who they think are emotionally weak.
- Do not accept gifts or favors from others. Most gifts or favors come with strings attached to them.
- Do not accept an offer from another resident to be your protector.
- Find a staff member with whom you feel comfortable discussing your fears and concerns. Report concerns!
- Do not use drugs or alcohol; these can weaken your ability to stay alert and make good judgments.
- Avoid talking about sex. Other residents may believe you have in interest in a sexual relationship.
- Be clear, direct and firm. Don't be afraid to say NO or STOP IT NOW.
- Stay in well-lit areas of the Facility.
- Choose your associates wisely. Look for people who are involved in positive activities like educational programs, work opportunities, counseling groups, or religious services. Get involved in these activities yourself.

Trust your instincts. Be aware of situations that make you feel uncomfortable. If it doesn't feel right or safe, leave the situation. If you fear for your safety, report your concerns to staff,

**REPORT all Assaults:** 

If you become a victim of a sexual assault, you should report it immediately to any staff person you trust, to include housing officers, deportation officers, chaplains, medical staff or supervisors. Staff members keep the reported information confidential and only discuss it with the appropriate officials on a need to know basis. If you are not comfortable reporting the assault to staff, you have other options:

- Write a letter reporting the sexual misconduct to the Officer in Charge, Assistant Field Office Director, or Field Office Director. To ensure confidentiality, use special mail procedures.
- File an Emergency Resident Grievance If you decide your complaint is too sensitive to file with the Officer in Charge, you can file your Grievance directly with the Field Director. You can get the forms from your housing unit officer, deportation staff or a facility supervisor.
- Write to the Office of Inspector General (OIG), which investigates allegations of staff misconduct.
  - o The address is: Office of Inspector General, P.O. Box 27606, Washington, D.C. 20530
- Call at no expense to you the Office of Inspector General (OIG). The phone number is posted in your housing unit.

Individuals who sexually abuse or assault residents can only be disciplined or prosecuted if the abuse is reported.

Next Steps After Reporting a Sexual Assault

You will be offered immediate protection from the assailant and you will be referred for medical examination and clinical assessment. You do not have to name the resident(s) or staff member who assaulted you to receive assistance, but specific information may make it easier for staff to help you. You will continue to receive protection from the assailant, whether or not you have identified your attacker or agree to testify against them. It is important that you don't shower, wash, drink, change clothing or use the bathroom until evidence can be collected.

The Medical Exam

Medical staff will examine you for injuries, which may or may not be readily apparent to you and will gather physical evidence of assault. Bring the clothes and underwear that you had on at the time of the assault to the medical exam with you. You will be checked for the presence of physical evidence, which supports your allegation. With your consent, a medical professional will perform a pelvic and/or rectal examination to obtain samples of or document the existence of physical evidence such as hair, body fluids, tears or abrasions, which remain after the assault. This physical evidence is critical in corroborating the sexual assault occurred and in identifying the assailant; trained personnel will conduct the exam privately and professionally.

Understanding the Investigative Process:

Once the misconduct is reported, the appropriate law enforcement agency will conduct an investigation. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the nature and extent of the misconduct. You may be asked to give a statement during the investigation. If criminal charges are filed, you may be asked to testify during the criminal proceedings. Any resident who alleges that he or she has been sexually assaulted shall be offered immediate protection and will be referred for a medical examination.

The Emotional Consequences of Sexual Assaults:

It is common for victims of sexual assault to have feelings of embarrassment, anger, guilt, panic, depression, and fear even several months or years after the attack. Other common reactions include loss of appetite, nausea or stomachaches, headaches, loss of memory and/or trouble concentrating and changes in sleep patterns. Emotional support is available from the facility's mental health and medical staff, and from the chaplains. Also, many residents who are at high risk to sexually assault others have often been sexually abused themselves. Mental health services are available to them also so that they can control their actions and heal from their own abuse.

Sexual assaults can happen to anyone: any gender, age, race, ethnic group, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, or disability. Sexual assault is not about sex; it is about POWER and CONTROL. All reports are taken seriously. Your safety and the safety of others is the most important concern. For everyone's safety, incidents, threats, or assaults must be reported.

Report all attempted assaults and assaults to your housing unit officer, a supervisor, the Officer In Charge, or directly to the Office of the Inspector General

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## ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

#### SUICIDE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Residential Staff are trained to prevent suicide by recognizing potential risk signs and situations, and to intervene with appropriate sensitivity, supervision, referral, and treatment.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Residential Standard are as follows:
  - 1. All staff with responsibility for resident supervision will be trained, at least annually, to identify warning signs and symptoms of impending suicidal behavior; demographic, cultural, and precipitating factors of suicidal behavior; how to respond to suicidal and depressed residents; communication between residential staff and health care personnel; referral procedures; housing observation and suicide-watch level procedures; and follow-up monitoring of residents who have attempted suicide.
  - 2. Staff will act to prevent suicides with appropriate sensitivity, supervision, and referrals.
  - 3. Any identified clinically suicidal resident will receive preventative supervision, treatment, and follow-up.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

#### IV. REFERENCES

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association 4th Edition, Standards for Adult Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-4C-32, 4C-33, 2A-52.

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

1. Suicide Prevention and Intervention Program Required

Each facility shall have a written suicide prevention and intervention program approved and signed by the health authority and facility administrator, and reviewed annually.

At a minimum, the program shall include procedures to address:

- a. Intake screening
- b. Identifying and supervising a suicide-prone resident
- c. Staff training
- d. Management of suicidal incidents, suicide watch, and deaths
- e. Review of critical incidents by administrative, security, and health services staff
- f. Guidelines for returning a previously suicidal resident to the general population, following written authorization by the clinical director

#### 2. Training

All staff with responsibility for resident supervision shall be trained, during orientation and at least annually, on:

- a. Identification of the warning signs and symptoms of impending suicidal behavior
- b. Demographic, cultural, and precipitating factors of suicidal behavior
- c. Interaction with suicidal and depressed residents
- d. Communication between residential staff and health care personnel
- e. Referral procedures
- f. Housing observation and suicide-watch level procedures
- g. Follow-up monitoring of residents who have attempted suicide

#### 3. Identification and Intervention

Suicide potential shall be an element of the initial health screening of a new resident, conducted by the health care provider. Any residents identified as being at-risk for suicide shall be promptly referred to medical staff for evaluation.

Upon change of custody, the staff with custody shall inform the staff assuming custody of the resident's indications of suicide risk.

All staff working with residents shall keep current on the proper course of intervention and referral for a resident who demonstrates signs of suicide risk.

This screening shall be documented on DIHS-794, *In-Processing Health Screening Form*, and forwarded to the medical unit. Medical staff shall immediately follow up with residents identified as at-risk. All staff working with residents shall be trained to recognize and watch for such signs of residents.

Facilities shall document their screening on a form equivalent to DIHS-794.

## 4. Housing and Hospitalization

The facility administrator may allow a potentially suicidal resident who presents no imminent danger to life or property (as determined by medical staff), to remain in the general population, but only under close observation, and only upon the written recommendation of the clinical director (CD), or equivalent medical authority. Staff shall monitor such residents at intervals ordered by, and in the manner ordered by, the CD.

Precautions must be taken with any personal possessions that could aid in a suicide attempt. If danger to life or property appears imminent, the medical staff has the authority to isolate and transfer the resident from the general population to the nearest hospital. Medical staff must create written documentation of the incident. Medical staff will generate a Treatment Authorization Request TAR for this hospital admission.

Observation of imminently suicidal residents by medical or residential staff shall be one-to-one until the resident is transferred or released by the medical authority. Medical staff shall document the status of the resident in observation at the facility every two hours.

The Health Services Administrator HSA or CD shall report to the ICE facility administrator and JFRMU any resident clinically diagnosed as suicidal or requiring observation for suicide risk.

A resident formerly under a suicide watch may be returned to general population only if it can be reasonably presented that the resident does not pose a danger to himself or herself, or others, and upon written authorization from the CD.

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# ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

### **TELEPHONE ACCESS**

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Residents may, through the reasonable and equitable access to telephone services, maintain ties with their families and others in the community.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Residents will have reasonable and equitable access to reasonably-priced telephone services.
  - 2. Residents with hearing or speech disabilities will be provided reasonable accommodations.
  - 3. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 4. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

# III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

### IV. REFERENCES

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association 4th Edition, Standards for Adult Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-2A-65, 2A-66, 5B-11, 5B-12, 6a-02, 6A-09.

ICE/DRO Residential Standard on "Staff-Detention Communication," in regard to monitoring and documenting telephone serviceability.

### **V EXPECTED PRACTICES**

# 1. Telephones and Telephone Services

#### a. Number

To ensure sufficient access, each facility shall provide at least one telephone for every 16 residents.

#### b. Costs

Generally, residents or the persons they call are responsible for the costs of telephone calls; however, there are exceptions as required below.

Each facility shall ensure that residents have access to telephone services at a cost that mirrors community standards. Contracts for such services shall comply with all applicable state and federal regulations, and shall be based on rates and surcharges commensurate with those charged to the general public. Any deviations shall reflect actual costs associated with the provision of services in a residential setting. Contracts shall also provide the broadest range of calling options that are determined by the facility administrator to be consistent with the requirements of sound residential facility management.

### c. Special Services

Accommodations shall be made for residents with hearing or speech disabilities, or residents who wish to communicate with such persons. Such accommodations may include, for example, telephones with volume controls, TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) or comparable equipment. These services shall be provided to ensure these residents are provided effective access.

#### d. Maintenance

Each facility shall maintain resident telephones in proper working order. Designated facility staff shall inspect the telephones daily, promptly report out-of-order telephones to the repair service, and ensure that required repairs are completed quickly.

# 2. Monitoring of Resident Telephone Calls

Each facility shall have a written policy on the monitoring of resident telephone calls. If telephone calls are monitored, the facility shall:

- Notify residents in the resident handbook or equivalent, provided upon admission.
- At each monitored telephone, place a notice that states:
  - o That resident calls are subject to monitoring.
  - o The procedure for obtaining an unmonitored call to a court or legal representative, or for the purposes of obtaining legal representation.

Absent a court order, a resident's call to a court or a legal representative or for the purposes of obtaining legal representation may not be aurally monitored.

### 3. Resident Notification

Each facility shall provide telephone access rules in writing to each resident upon admission, and also shall post these rules where residents can easily see them.

#### 4. Resident Access

Each facility administrator shall establish and oversee rules and procedures that provide residents reasonable and equitable access to telephones during established facility

"waking hours" (which exclude the hours between lights-out and morning resumption of scheduled activities).

Ordinarily, a facility may restrict the number and duration of general telephone calls only for the following reasons:

- a. Availability. When required by resident telephone use demands, rules and procedures may include, but are not limited to, reasonable limitations on the duration and the number of calls per resident, the use of predetermined time-blocks, and advance sign-up.
- b. Emergencies. Escapes, escape attempts, disturbances, fires, power outages, etc. Telephone privileges may be suspended entirely during an emergency, but only with the authorization of the facility administrator or designee, and only for the briefest period necessary under the circumstances.

#### 5. Direct or Free Calls

In addition to the requirements above, each facility shall permit residents to make direct or free calls to the offices and individuals listed below. Current telephone numbers for the following will be posted in all housing areas and/or by public access telephones. A facility may place reasonable restrictions on the hours, frequency and duration of such direct and/or free calls, but may not otherwise limit a resident's attempting to obtain legal representation.

- The local immigration court and the Board of Immigration Appeals
- Federal and state courts where the resident is in, or may become involved in, a legal proceeding
- Consular officials
- Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security at: (800) 323(6), (b)(7)(c)
- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- Legal representatives, to obtain legal representation, or for consultation, when a resident is subject to Expedited Removal. Any facility restrictions on other direct or free calls must not unduly limit a resident's attempt to obtain legal representation.
- A government office, to obtain documents relevant to his or her immigration case
- Immediate family or others, for residents in personal or family emergencies, or who otherwise demonstrate a compelling need (to be interpreted liberally)

### a. Request Forms

Where access to free telephone calls is limited by technology, residents may complete request forms to make direct or free calls. Facility staff shall assist them as needed, especially illiterate or non-English speaking residents. All requests for assistance shall be reviewed and responded to within one calendar day. All denials shall be documented and a copy forwarded to the resident and ICE/JFRMU for

#### review.

### b. Time Requirements

Staff shall allow residents to make such calls as soon as possible after the requests, factoring in the urgency stated by the resident. Access shall always be granted within 24 hours of the request, but ordinarily, within 8 facility-established "waking hours."

Staff must document and report to ICE/DRO any incident of delay beyond eight "waking hours."

### c. Indigent Residents

A facility may not require indigent residents to pay for the types of calls listed above if they are local calls, nor for non-local calls if there is a compelling need. Each facility shall enable all residents to make calls to the ICE/DRO-provided list of free legal service providers and consulates at no charge to the resident or the receiving party.

### 6. Legal Calls

#### a. Restrictions

A facility may neither restrict the number of calls a resident places to his or her legal representatives, nor limit the duration of such calls, by rule or automatic cut-off, unless necessary for security purposes or to maintain orderly and fair access to telephones. If time limits are necessary for such calls, they shall be no less than 20 minutes, and the resident shall be allowed to continue the call at the first available opportunity, if desired.

Any facility restrictions on other direct or free calls must not unreasonably limit a resident's attempt to obtain legal representation.

# b. Privacy

For resident telephone calls regarding legal matters, each facility shall ensure privacy by providing a reasonable number of telephones on which residents can make such calls without being overheard by staff or other residents. Absent a court order, staff may not monitor those calls.

The facility shall inform residents to contact staff if they have difficulty making a confidential call relating to a legal proceeding. If so notified, the staff shall take measures to ensure that the call can be made confidentially.

Privacy may be provided in a number of ways, including:

- Telephones with privacy panels (side partitions) that extend at least 18 inches to prevent conversations from being overheard;
- Telephones placed where conversations may not be readily overheard by others, or;
- Office telephones on which residents may be permitted to make such calls.

Telephones shall not be placed near television sets or in any area where it can be reasonably expected that excessive noise may interfere with the caller ability to communicate privately.

### 7. Inter-facility Telephone Calls

Upon a resident's request, facility staff shall make special arrangements to permit the resident to speak by telephone with an immediate family member detained in another facility. Immediate family members include spouses, common-law spouses, parents, stepparents, foster parents, brothers, sisters, and biological or adopted children.

Reasonable limitations may be placed on the frequency and duration of such calls.

Facility staff shall liberally grant such requests when they involve discussion of legal matters, and shall afford the resident privacy to the extent practical.

### 8. Incoming Calls

Facility staff shall take and deliver **emergency** telephone messages to residents as promptly as possible.

When a call concerns an emergency, facility staff shall:

- Record the caller's name and telephone number.
- Deliver the message to the resident as soon as possible.
- Permit the resident to return the call as soon as reasonably possible, within the constraints of security and safety.
- If the resident is indigent, enable him or her to make a free return call.

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# **ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD**

### TOOL CONTROL

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Control of tools, culinary utensils, and medical and dental instruments, equipment, and supplies is maintained, protecting residents, staff, contractors, and volunteers from harm and contributing to orderly facility operations.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOME. The expected outcome of this Standard is as follows:
  - 1. Tools, culinary utensils, and medical and dental instruments, equipment, and supplies (particularly syringes, needles, and other sharps) will be continually controlled and accounted for.
  - 2. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 3. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

#### IV. REFERENCES

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American Correctional Association 4thd Edition Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-2D-02, 2D-03.

### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### A. Overview

In a Residential environment, all staff must be alert for any situation where tools, culinary utensils, and medical and dental instruments, equipment, and supplies (particularly syringes, needles, and other sharps) are in the possession of, or available to, residents, other than those authorized to have them (such as on work details).

Control, care, and accountability for tools:

- Impedes their use in escape attempts, as weapons, and in other ways that can be hazardous to individual safety or the good order of the facility;
- Improves the appearance of shop and construction areas;
- Helps ensures tools are in good repair when needed;
- Reduces the costs of tool maintenance and inventory; and
- Teaches resident workers principles of tool accountability and responsibility.

### B. Written Policy and Procedures Required

Each facility administrator shall develop and implement a written tool control system that establishes:

- 1. A staff position to be responsible for:
  - · Developing and implementing tool control procedures, and
  - Establishing an inspection system to ensure accountability;

The facility administrator shall delegate these responsibilities to the Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations and shall also assign, in writing, the collateral duties of Tool Control Staff to a staff member of the facility maintenance department.

- 2. A tool classification system;
- 3. Procedures for marking tools so they are readily identifiable;
- 4. Procedures for storing tools;
- 5. Procedures and schedules for the daily inventory of tools;
- 6. Procedures for issuing tools to staff and resident workers;
- 7. Procedures for documenting issuance of tools to staff and resident workers;
- 8. Procedures governing lost tools;
- 9. Procedures for surveying and destroying excess, broken, or worn-out tools; and
- 10. Procedures for inspecting and inventorying tools and equipment brought into the facility temporarily (repair and maintenance workers, sports teams. etc.)

#### C. Tool Classification

The facility shall develop and implement a tool classification system.

Tools are assigned one of two categories:

- Restricted (Class "R") -- Dangerous/hazardous tools
- Non-Restricted -- Non-hazardous tools

### Class "R" tools include:

- Tools too dangerous for residents to handle without constant staff supervision
- Tools to which resident access is prohibited
- Tools that could facilitate an escape/escape attempt
- Tools useful in making weapons, that could double as weapons, or that are capable of causing serious bodily harm
- Power hand tools, with or without cords
- Other tools that are generally hazardous to facility security or personal safety

### Examples of restricted tools include:

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- Mixing chambers
- Bolt cutters

(b)(7)(e)

- Diamond-tipped tools
- Core drills
- Drills

(b)(7)(e)

The facility administrator shall establish a policy document on facility tool use and storage that includes separate, comprehensive, alphabetical lists of restricted tools and non-restricted tools.

- The lists shall indicate which of the listed tools are available on-site; describe them by type; and specify tool sizes.
- The lists shall be kept current by formatting them as attachments to the policy document, maintained and updated on a personal computer.
- The lists shall be updated and distributed at least quarterly.

Tools included in tool sets and tools sized sequentially in standard increments may appear as a single listing. For example:

Drill bits, metal/wood

1/32" - 7/8"

Drill bits, metal/wood

7/16" - 7/8"

Wrench, comb. box/open end 1/4" - 7/16"

Wrench, comb. box/open end 7/16" - 7/8"

When a single set listing would not be sufficiently clear, however, each tool must be listed separately. For example, if a facility had:

A single "wrench, combination box/open end, 1 7/8 inches" but not the

smaller or larger sizes; or

Several wrenches in different sizes, but the size differences are not standard.

# D. Daily Removal and Storage of Class "R" Tools

Staff shall remove restricted tools from work areas at the end of each workday for safekeeping in a secure tool room, the armory, or the Control Center.

### E. Acetylene

Staff shall:

- Restrict the supply of acetylene entering the facility to the amount needed in a single day, and
- At the end of each workday, store the used and unused acetylene tanks outside the secured perimeter in accordance with applicable codes, standards, and regulations (Occupational Safety and Health Administration's industrial safety regulations, etc.)

# F. Departmental Responsibilities

At a minimum, the following departments shall maintain tool inventories:

- 1. Facility Maintenance Department
- 2. Medical Department
- 3. Food Service Department
- 4. Electronics Shop
- 5. Recreation Department

(b)(7)(e)

# G. Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations Tool Identification

The facility administrator shall establish written procedures for marking tools, making them readily identifiable.

# H. Storage in Work Areas

The facility administrator shall establish written procedures for a tool-storage system that ensures accountability. Commonly used, mounted tools shall be stored so that a tool's disappearance would not escape attention.

# I. Receipt of Tools

1. If the warehouse is located outside the secure perimeter, the warehouse shall receive all tool deliveries.

**Tool Control** 

If the warehouse is located within the secure perimeter, the facility administrator shall develop site-specific procedures, for example, storing the tools at the rear sallyport until picked up and receipted by the Tool Control Staff. The Tool Control Staff shall immediately place certain tools (for example, band saw blades, files, and all restricted tools) in secure storage.

2. The new tools shall be issued only after the Tool Control Staff has marked and inventoried them. Inventories that include any portable power tools shall provide brand name, model, and size, description, and AMIS number.

### J. Tool Inventories

The facility administrator shall schedule, and establish procedures for, the quarterly inventorying of all tools.

- 1. Inventory Files. The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations shall maintain a separate file folder for each shop or area in which tools are stored.
- 2. Tools Used by Contractors. Staff shall prepare an inventory of all tools and equipment used by contractors working inside the facility, upon the contractor's admission and departure. The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations shall establish control procedures, particularly for restricted tools. The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations, facility maintenance supervisor, and construction foreman shall maintain copies of all such inventories and control procedures.
- 3. Tools Purchased from Surplus Property. Tools purchased or acquired from surplus property shall be stored in the designated, secure storage area. The responsible employee shall maintain a perpetual inventory of unmarked or excess tools returned to secure storage for issue or reissue. The Tool Control Staff has sole authority to draw tools from this source. Any such tools kept in the Tool Control Staff's storage area shall be registered in a perpetual inventory.
- 4. Control and Inventory of Certain Items Not Classified as Tools. Other items that require strict property management controls, like weapons, chemical agents, restraints, other use-of-force and disturbance control equipment, binoculars; communication equipment, and similar items shall be inventoried (with serial numbers), maintained, issued, and disposed of in accordance with the procedures established herein for tools.

### K. Issuing Tools

Each facility shall have procedures in place for

- The issuance of tools to staff and residents;
- Security issues of restricted and unrestricted tools;
- Control of ladders, extension cords, and ropes.

#### L. Lost Tools

The facility administrator shall develop and implement procedures governing lost tools, including:

- Verbal and written notification to supervisory officials
- Handling residents with prior access to the tool(s) in question
- Documentation and review
- 1. When a **restricted or non-restricted** tool is missing or lost, staff shall notify the Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations in writing.
- 2. When the tool is a **restricted (Class "R")** tool, staff shall inform the shift supervisor orally immediately upon discovering the loss. Any resident(s) who may have had access to the tool shall be held at the work location pending completion of a thorough search.
- 3. When a medical department tool or equipment item is missing or lost, staff shall immediately inform the HSA, who shall make the immediate verbal notification to the Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations or shift supervisor and written notification to the facility administrator.
- 4. The shift supervisor's office shall maintain a lost-tool file, monitor the individual reports for accuracy, ascertain any unusual patterns or occurrences of loss in one or more shops, document search efforts, and send written notification to the Assistant Facility Administrator for Operation
- 5. On the day a tool is recovered, staff shall complete and send copies of the Lost or Missing Tool Report to the Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations and shift supervisor.
- 6. The facility administrator shall implement quarterly evaluations of lost/missing tool files, reviewing the thoroughness of investigations and efforts to recover tools. Documentation of the quarterly evaluations shall be maintained on the right side of the tool inventory folder for the shop or area concerned.

# M. Disposition of Excess Tools

All broken or worn-out tools shall be surveyed and destroyed in accordance with the written procedures established by the facility administrator.

# N. Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations Private/Contract Repair and Maintenance Workers

All visitors, including repair and maintenance workers who are not ICE/DRO or facility employees, etc., shall submit to an inspection and inventory of all tools, tool boxes, and equipment that could be used as weapons before entering and leaving the facility. At a minimum a basic criminal background and immigration check will be conducted by ICE staff on all non-facility repair or maintenance personnel before entry into the facility.

Staff shall accompany non-employee workers in the facility to ensure that security and safety precautions and procedures are followed at all times, including removing tools at

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the end of each shift. The contractor will maintain a copy of their tool inventory with them at all times while in the facility.

Before a resident, employee, or contractor may enter a housing unit, the housing staff shall inventory tools and similar items to be carried into that unit and then, before departure from the unit, verify their removal in a second inventory. The housing staff shall immediately report discrepancies to the shift supervisor.

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# ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

# **USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE AND**

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I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. After all reasonable efforts to otherwise resolve a situation have falled, staff is authorized to use the minimum physical force necessary for the protection from harm against self, residents, or others; for prevention of escape or serious property damage; or to maintain the security and orderly operation of the facility.

Staff may use only the degree of force that is necessary to gain control of residents and may use physical restraints to gain control of an apparently dangerous resident, under specified conditions.

This Residential Standard does not specifically address the use of (b)(7)e for medical or mental health purposes, which may be authorized only by a qualified medical or mental health provider, after reaching the conclusion that less restrictive measures are not successful, as detailed in the Residential Standard on **Medical Care**.

- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - The use of physical force will be restricted to instances of justifiable self-defense, protection of others, protection of property, and prevention of escapes. In these situations, force will be used only as a last resort.
  - 2. Physical force or (b)(7)(e) used as punishment will be prohibited.
  - 3. (b)(7)(e) will not be applied without prior supervisory approval if approval is required.
  - 4. All weapons and related equipment will be stored securely in designated areas to which residents have no access.
  - 5. A written record of routine and emergency distribution of security equipment will be maintained.
  - 6. A written report will be provided to the facility administrator or designee no later than the end of a tour of duty when force was used on any resident, or any resident remains in (b)(7)e at the end of that shift.

### **III DIRECTIVES AFFECTED**

None

### IV. REFERENCES

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ICE Interim Use of Force Policy (7/7/2004).

National Enforcement Standard, "Use of Intermediate Force"

### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### 1. Overview

- Use of force in Residential facilities is never used as punishment, is minimized by staff attempts to first gain a resident's cooperation, is executed only through approved techniques and devices, and involves only the degree necessary and to reasonably gain control of a resident.
- Various levels of force may be necessary and reasonable, depending on the totality of the circumstances.
- Generally, use of force is either immediate or calculated, the latter being feasible in most cases and most likely to minimize harm to residents or staff.
- Use of force may involve physical control and placement of a resident in alternate housing and/or the application of various types and degrees of (b)(7)e
- Follow-up (medical attention, for example), documentation (including video taping for calculated use of force), reporting, and After-Action Review are required.

# 2. Principles Governing the Use of Force and Application of (b)(7)(e)

- a. Under no circumstances shall staff use force to punish a resident.
- b. Staff shall attempt to gain a resident's willing cooperation before using force.
- c. Staff shall use only that amount of force necessary and reasonable to gain control of a resident.
- d. Staff may immediately use (b)(7)(e) if warranted to prevent a resident from harming self or others or from causing serious property damage.
- e. Facility administrator approval is required for continued use of (b)(7)(e) if necessary.
- f. Staff may apply additional (b)(7)(e) to a resident who continues to resist after staff achieve physical control. If a (b)(7)(e) resident refuses to move or cannot move because of the (b)(7)(e) staff may lift and carry the resident to the appropriate destination; however, staff may not use the (b)(7)(e) to lift or carry the resident.

g.	Staff	may not remove (b)(7)(e) until the resident has regarded self-control.	
h.	Staff	may not use (b)(7)(e) equipment or devices (for example, (b)(7)(e)	
	•	On a resident's neck or face, or in any manner that restricts blood circulation or obstructs the resident's airways (mouth, nose, neck, esophagus);	
	•	To cause physical pain or extreme discomfort. While some discomfort may be unavoidable, even (b)(7)(e) are applied properly, examples of prohibited applications include, improperly applied (b)(7)(e) prohibited (b)(7)(e) (b)(7)(e) (b)(7)(e)	
	•	On a resident child age 14 or under without authorization from a supervisor;	
	•	(b)(7)(e) shall never be used on a child age 12 or under. Passive restraint techniques should be used to prevent a minor from injuring him/herself or others.	
	•	Check and record the resident's condition at least every 15 minutes to ensure that the $(b)(7)(e)$ are not hampering circulation and to monitor the general welfare of the resident.	
	•	Qualified health personnel ordinarily visit the detainee at least once every two hours until (b)(7)(e) are removed.	
	•	The shift supervisor shall review a resident every hour. If the (b)(7)(e) have had a calming effect, they may be removed and, if appropriate, replaced by a less (b)(7)e	
	•	The decision to release the detainee or apply lesser (b)(7)(e) shall shift supervisor shall not be delegated below the shift supervisor's level. The shift supervisor may seek advice from mental or physical health professionals about when to remove the (b)(7)(e)	
	•	The facility shall immediately notify JFRMU when (b)(7)(e) are required for a resident in a residential facility.	
i.	Staffs are required to ensure compliance with Crisis Intervention and Defensive Tactics training and the proper application of those techniques. This training is required as basic training before entry on duty and must be provided as a refresher training course annually. Staff shall be trained in these techniques prior to being placed in an on-duty status and shall be recertified annually. Staff shall maintain a one to one watch and monitor all residents placed in (b)(7)(e) until the resident is transferred or the		
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- k. Licensed medical personnel may prescribe and administer medication. Medication shall not be used to subdue an uncooperative resident for staff convenience.
- I. Staff shall fully document all instances involving physical use of force.

### 3. Use of Force Continuum

The use of force continuum is a five-level model used to illustrate the levels of force staff may need to gain control of a resident, from least to maximum use of force, as follows:

- · Mere staff presence without action.
- Verbal interventions and commands
- Soft techniques. Established and accepted techniques from which there is minimal chance of injury.
- Hard techniques. Established and accepted techniques where there is greater possibility of injury.

While staffs are trained and required to use only a level of force that is necessary and reasonable to gain control of a resident, staffs may have to escalate or de-escalate through the use of force continuum.

### 4. Training

### **General Training**

Through ongoing (at least annual) training, all Residential facility staff must be made aware of their responsibilities to control situations involving aggressive residents.

At a minimum, training shall include:

- a) The requirements of this Residential Standard;
- b) The use of force continuum;
- c) Communication techniques;
- d) Cultural diversity;
- e) Dealing with the mentally ill;
- f) Confrontation-avoidance techniques;
- Approved methods of self-defense;

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- h) Universal precautions
- i) Application of (b)(7)(e)
- j) Reporting procedures.

### 5. Prohibited Intermediate Force Acts and Techniques

The following acts and techniques are specifically prohibited:

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- a. Choke holds, carotid control holds, and other neck (b)(7)(e)
- b. Using a baton to apply choke or "come-along" holds to the neck area;
- c. Intentional baton strikes to the head, face, groin, solar plexus, neck, kidneys, or spinal column;
- d. Striking a resident for failing to obey an order;
- e. Striking a resident when grasping or pushing him/her would likely achieve the desired result:
- f. Using force against a resident offering no resistance.
- g. (b)(7)(e) residents to fixed objects.

# 6. Use of Force in Special Circumstances

Occasionally, after the failure or impracticability of confrontation-avoidance, staff must make a judgment call as to whether to use force. In such cases, for example, involving a child, a pregnant resident, or an aggressive resident with open cuts, sores, or lesions, staff shall, when time and circumstances permit, seek medical advice before deciding the situation is grave enough to warrant the use of physical force.

# a. Pregnant Residents

# b. Residents with Wounds or Cuts

All staff shall wear protective gear when restraining aggressive residents with open cuts or wounds. If force is necessary, this gear may include a full-body shield.

Aggressive residents who are violent or exhibit the potential for violence shall be placed in (b)(7)e and be removed and kept separate from the general population. Shall remain in place as long as the resident poses a physical threat.

# 7. Intermediate Force Weapons

In this Residential Standard "Intermediate Force Weapons" refers to weapons often termed "nondeadly force weapons," "non-lethal weapons," or "less-than-lethal weapons."

### a. Storage

Intermediate force weapons shall remain stored and out of site of residents during normal operations. Intermediate force weapons and related equipment are permitted only in designated areas:

- Where access is limited to authorized personnel, and
- To which residents have no access.

### b. Recordkeeping and Maintenance

Each facility shall maintain a written record of routine and emergency distribution of security equipment and shall specifically designate, and incorporate in one or more post orders, responsibility for staff to inventory related security equipment at least monthly to determine their condition and expiration dates.

#### c. Use

The facility administrator may authorize the use of intermediate force weapons, if a resident:

- · Is armed and/or barricaded; or
- · Cannot be approached without danger to self or others; and
- A delay in controlling the situation would seriously endanger the resident or others, or would result in a major disturbance or serious property damage.
   Serious property damage for the purposes of this standard involves any instance where such damage interrupts the flow of services to residents or adversely affects the daily operations of the facility.

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# 8. Immediate Use of Force

An "immediate-use-of-force" situation is created when a resident's behavior constitutes a serious and immediate threat to self, staff, another resident, property, or the security and orderly operation of the facility. In that situation, staff may respond without a supervisor's direction or presence.

Upon gaining control of the resident, staff shall seek the assistance of qualified health personnel to immediately:

- 1. Determine if the resident requires continuing care and, if so, make the necessary arrangements. Continuing care may involve such measures as admission to the pregnant resident in a way that does not include facility hospital. (b)(7)(e) (b)(7)(e)
- 2. Examine the resident and immediately treat any injuries. The medical services provided shall be documented.
- 3. Examine any involved staff member who reports an injury and, if necessary, provide initial emergency care.

The shift supervisor shall provide a written report to the facility administrator or designee no later than the end of a tour of duty when force was used on any resident, or where any resident remains in (b)(7)(e) at the end of that shift.

# 9. Calculated Use of Force and/or Application of

If a resident is in an isolated location (for example, a locked room or area) where there is no immediate threat to the resident or others, staff shall take the time to assess the possibility of resolving the situation without resorting to force.

A calculated use of force shall be authorized in advance by the facility administrator (or designee).

Calculated use of force is feasible and preferred in most cases and is appropriate when the resident is in a room or other area with a securable door. Even if the resident is verbalizing threats or brandishing a weapon, calculated force is often appropriate provided staff see no immediate danger that the resident could cause harm. Calculated use of force affords staff time to strategize and resolve situations in the least confrontational manner possible.

# a. Confrontation Avoidance

Before authorizing the calculated use of force, ICE, the ranking Residential official, a designated health professional, and others as appropriate shall assess the situation. Taking into account the resident's history and the circumstances of the immediate situation, they shall devise a plan which will include the appropriateness of using force and the level of force to be used.

The conferring staff may consider, in their assessment, the resident's medical/mental history; recent incident reports involving the resident, if any, and emotional shocks or traumas that may be contributing to the resident's state of mind (for example, a pending criminal prosecution or sentencing, divorce, illness, death, etc.).

Interviewing staff familiar with the resident might yield insight into the resident's current agitation or even pinpoint the immediate cause. Such interviews may also help identify those who have established rapport with the resident, or whose personalities suggest they might be able to reason with the resident.

# b. Documentation and Video-taping

While ICE/DRO requires that **all** use-of-force incidents be documented and forwarded to ICE/DRO for review, for **calculated use of force**, it is required that the **entire incident** be **videotaped**. The videotape and accompanying documentation shall be included in the investigation package for the After-Action Review described below.

Written documentation shall include a "Use of Force" form (sample attached) and memorandum reporting staff actions, reactions, and responses during the confrontation-avoidance process.

Calculated use of force incidents shall be videotaped in the following order:

- Introduction by Team Leader, stating facility name, location, time, date, etc.; describing the incident that led to the calculated use of force; and naming the video-camera operator and other staff present.
- 2) Faces of all team members briefly appear (helmets removed; heads uncovered), one at a time, identified by name and title.
- Team Leader offering resident last chance to cooperate before team action, outlining use-of-force procedures, engaging in confrontation- avoidance, and issuing use-of-force order.
- 4) Entire tape of Use-of-Force Team operation, unedited, until resident is in restraints.
- 5) Close-ups of resident's body during medical exam, focusing on the presence/absence of injuries; staff injuries, if any, described but not shown.
- 6) Debriefing, including full discussion/analysis/assessment of incident.

# c. Use-of-Force Team Technique

When a resident must be forcibly moved and/or (b)(7)(e) during a calculated use of force, staff shall use the Use-of-Force Team technique to prevent or diminish injury to staff and residents and exposure to communicable disease. The technique usually involves five or more trained staff members clothed in protective gear, including helmet with face shield, jumpsuit, stab-resistant vest, gloves, and forearm protectors. Team members enter the resident's area together, with coordinated responsibility for achieving immediate control of the resident.

- 1) Staff shall be trained in the Use-of-Force Team technique in sufficient numbers for teams to be quickly convened on all shifts in different locations throughout the facility. To use staff resources most effectively, the facility administrator shall provide Use-of-Force Team technique training for all staff members who could potentially be used in a calculated use-of-force.
- 2) The Use-of-Force Team technique training shall include the technique and its application, confrontation-avoidance, professionalism, and debriefing.
- 3) Training shall also address the use of protective clothing and handling of spilled body fluids and blood:
  - Use-of-Force Team members and others participating in a calculated use
    of force shall wear protective gear, with appropriate precautions when
    entering a cell or area where blood or other body fluids are likely to be
    present.
  - An individual with a skin disease or skin injury shall not participate in a calculated use-of-force action.
- 4). The shift supervisor or another supervisor on duty:
  - Must be on the scene prior to any calculated use of force to direct the operation and continuously monitor staff compliance with policy and procedure;
  - Shall not participate except to prevent impending staff injury;
  - Shall seek the guidance of qualified health personnel (based on a review of the resident's medical record) to identify physical or mental problems, and, whenever feasible, arrange for a health services professional to be present to observe and immediately treat any injuries;
  - Shall exclude from the Use-of-Force Team any staff member involved in the incident precipitating the need for force;
  - May expand the Use-of-Force Team to include staff with specific skills.
- 5). When  $_{(b)(7)e}$  are necessary, the team shall choose ambulatory or progressive models.
- 6). The supervisor shall provide a written report to the facility administrator or designee, no later than the end of a tour of duty, when force was used on any resident, or any resident remains in (b)(7)e at the end of that shift.

# 10. Evidence Protection and Sanitation

The supervisor shall inspect areas of blood or other body-fluid spillage after a use-of-force incident, and unless he or she determines that the spillage must be preserved as evidence, staff or properly trained residents' shall immediately sanitize those areas, based on medical department guidance on appropriate cleaning solutions and their use. The Residential Standard on **Environmental Health and Safety also provides** detailed guidance for cleaning areas with blood and other body fluid spills.

Standard sanitation procedures shall be followed in areas with blood or other body-fluid spillage. Wearing protective gloves, staff and/or residents shall immediately apply disinfectant to and sanitize such surfaces as walls and floors, furniture, etc. Articles of clothing and use-of-force equipment contaminated with body fluids shall likewise be disinfected or destroyed, as needed and appropriate.

# 11. Maintaining Video Recording Equipment and Videotapes

If videotaping equipment is kept in a designated area, staff shall store and maintain it under the same conditions as Class "A" tools. If a designated area lacks appropriate secure space, the equipment must be kept in a secure location elsewhere in the facility.

Since video recording equipment must often be quickly available, each facility administrator shall designate, and incorporate in one or more post orders, responsibility for:

- Maintaining cameras and other video equipment;
- Regularly scheduled and documented testing to ensure all parts, including batteries, are in working order; and
- Keeping back-up supplies on hand (batteries, tapes, lens-cleaners, etc.).

Each videotape shall be catalogued and preserved no less than 5 years after its last documented use. In the event of litigation, the facility shall retain the tape until its destruction is authorized by ICE.

The tapes may be catalogued electronically or on 3" x 5" index cards, provided the data can be searched by date and resident name. A log shall document videotape usage.

Use-of-force tapes shall be available for supervisory, Field Office and Headquarters incident reviews and may also be used for training.

Release of use-of-force videotapes to the news media may occur only if authorized by Headquarters, in accordance with ICE/DRO procedures and rules of accountability.

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Mhenever possible, staff shall apply	(b)(7)(e)			
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Once a resident has been placed or (b)(7)(e) the medical start is required to conduct a physical check of the resident once every two hours to assess health status. Facility staff is required to conduct a physical check of the resident once every two hours to assess if the (b)(7)e have had a calming effect. If the positive behavioral change has been achieved, a decision to remove the resident or place them in less restrictive (b)(7)(e) shall be made by the facility administrator in consultation with ICE/DRO. If a calming effect has not been achieved, the shift supervisor shall document the reason for continuance of the (b)(7)(e)  The supervisor shall provide a written report to the facility administrator, no later than the end of the tour of duty, when any resident remains in (b)(7)e at the end that shift.				
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# 15. Documentation of Use of Force and Application of Restraints

Staff shall prepare detailed documentation of all incidents involving the use of force. Staff shall likewise document the use of (b)(7)(e) on a resident who becomes violent or displays signs of imminent violence. A copy of the report shall be placed in the resident's Residential file.

# a. Report of Incident

All facilities shall have an ICE/DRO-approved form to document all uses of force.

Staff shall prepare a "Use of Force" form (sample attached) for each incident involving use of intermediate force weapons, application of progressive (regardless of level of resident cooperation), etc. The report identifies the resident(s), staff, and others involved, and describes the incident. If intermediate force weapons are used, for example

the location of strikes must be reported on the Use of Force form. Each staff member shall complete a memorandum for the record, to be attached to the original Use of Force form. The report, accompanied by the medical report(s) must be submitted to the facility administrator by the end of the shift during which the incident occurred.

Within two working days, copies of the report shall be placed in the resident's A-File and sent to ICE/DRO.

### b. Videotapes of Use-of-Force Incidents

Staff shall immediately obtain and record with a video camera any use-of-force incident, unless such a delay in bringing the situation under control would constitute a serious hazard to the resident, staff, or others, or would result in a major disturbance or serious property damage.

The facility administrator shall review the videotape within four working days of the incident and shall immediately send ICE/DRO a copy. When an immediate threat to the safety of the resident, other persons, or property, makes a delayed response impracticable, staff shall activate a video camera and start recording the incident as quickly as possible. After regaining control of the situation, staff shall follow the procedures applicable to calculated use-of-force incidents.

### c. Recordkeeping

All facilities shall have a designated individual to maintain all uses of force documentation.

# 16, After-Action Review of Use of Force and Application

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### a. Written Procedures Required

All facilities shall have ICE/DRO-approved written procedures for After-Action Review of use-of-force incidents (immediate or calculated) and (b)(7)e

(b)(7)e The primary purpose of an After-Action Review is to assess the reasonableness of the actions taken and whether the force used was proportional to the apparent threat.

### b. Composition of an After-Action Review Team

The facility administrator, the assistant facility administrator, ICE and the Health Services Administrator shall conduct the After-Action Review. This four-member After-Action Review Team shall convene on the workday after the incident. The After-Action Review Team shall gather relevant information, determine whether policy was followed, and complete an After-Action Report to record the nature of their review and findings. The After-Action Report is due within two working days of the resident's removal from restraints.

### c. Review of Video Tape

The After-Action Review Team shall also review the videotape for compliance with all provisions of this standard, specifically including, among other things:

Strict compliance with the Use-of-Force Team Technique, professionalism of shift supervisor, every team member wearing prescribed protective gear, and action taken by the team.

Absence of towels, tape, surgical masks, hosiery, and other unauthorized items, equipment or devices;

Team members applying only as much force as was reasonably necessary to subdue the resident. This includes responding appropriately to a subdued or cooperative resident, for example, one who discontinues his/her violent behavior,

Shift supervisor clearly in charge of team and situation. This includes intervening at first sign of one or more team members applying more force than necessary

Resident receiving and rejecting opportunity to submit to (b)(7)(e) voluntarily before team enters the cell/area. If he or she submits, team action should not be necessary:

exert no more pressure than necessary to Team members applying (b)(7)e the resident's

Amount of time needed to (b)(7)(e) the resident. If team requires more than five minutes, for example, with a resident who is not resisting, this could indicate training problems/ inadequacies;

Protective gear worn by team members inside cell/area, until end of operation;

Continuous photographic coverage from the time the camera starts recording until the incident is over. The review team shall investigate any breaks or sequences apparently missing from the videotape;

A medical professional promptly examining the resident, with the findings reported on tape;

Team member(s) addressing remarks that are derogatory, demeaning, taunting, or otherwise inappropriate or inflammatory, to any resident or person(s) outside the room or area.

The after action report shall include orienting all members of the team as to what occurred, determining whether a pattern of behavior of the resident or pattern of response in the staff could be identified, identifying alternatives for the resident, and negotiating with the resident as to future conduct.

A determination regarding transfer or return of the resident to housing shall be made and a recommendation forwarded to facility administrator and ICE.

If the incident review reveals a violation of ICE/DRO policy or procedures, the After-Action Review Team shall determine whether the situation called for improvised action and, if so, whether the action taken was reasonable and appropriate.

The After-Action Review Team shall complete and submit its After-Action Review Report to the facility administrator within two working days of the resident's The facility administrator shall review and sign the release from (b)(7)(e) report, acknowledging its finding that the use of force was appropriate or inappropriate. The facility administrator shall agree or disagree with the review team's recommendations. When the facility administrator does not concur, he or she shall list any reasons for non-concurrence and shall make a determination as to cause and remedies.

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### d. Report of Findings to ICE/DRO

Within two working days of the After-Action Review Team's determination, the facility administrator shall report the finding of appropriate or inappropriate use of force the outcome of the After-Action Review, and whether in the Facility Administrator's opinion the use of force was appropriate or inappropriate. The report shall be made via memorandum, to ICE/DRO with appropriate attachments..

### d. Further investigation

The review team shall make recommendations as to whether the incident requires further investigation and whether the incident should be referred to the Office of Professional Responsibility, the Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General, or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**Standard Approved:** 

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Office of Detention and Removal

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# ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

### **VISITATION**

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Residents will be able to maintain ties through visitation with their families, the community, legal representatives, and consular officials, within the constraints of safety and good order.

Conjugal visits for ICE/DRO residents are prohibited.

- II. **EXPECTED OUTCOMES.** The expected outcomes of this Residential Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Residents will be able to receive contact visits from their families, associates, legal representatives, consular officials, and others in the community.
  - 2. Residents will be advised of visiting privileges and procedures as part of the facility's admission and orientation program in a language he or she can understand.
  - 3. Information about visiting policies and procedures will be readily available to the public.
  - 4. The number of visitors a resident may receive and the length of visits will be limited only by reasonable constraints of space, scheduling, staff availability, safety, security, and good order. The minimum duration for a visit shall be 60 minutes.
  - 5. Visitors will be required to adequately identify themselves and register in order to be admitted into a facility; and safety, security, and good order will be maintained.
  - 6. A background check will be conducted on all new volunteers prior to their being approved to provide services to residents.
  - 7. Each new volunteer will complete an appropriate, documented orientation program, and sign an acknowledgement of his or her understanding of the applicable rules and procedures and an agreement to comply with them.
  - 8. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 9. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

### IV. REFERENCES

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that

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deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association 4th Edition Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF: 5B-01, 5B-02, 5B-03, 5B-04, 2A-21, 2A-27, 2A-61, 6A-02, 6A-06, 7B-03, 7C-02, 7F-05, 7F-06.

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### 1. Overview

Facilities that house ICE/DRO residents provide visiting facilities and procedures for residents to maintain communication with persons in the community. Safety, security, and good order are always primary considerations in a residential facility. Visitors must be properly identified and attired, and are subject to search upon entering the facility and at any other time while in the facility. Except as otherwise permitted herein, visitors may not give anything directly to a resident, although it may be permissible to leave certain items and funds for a resident. All visits in residential facilities shall be contact visits.

Any violation of the visitation rules may result in corrective action against the resident. Introduction of contraband or other criminal violations may lead to criminal prosecution of a visitor and/or resident. Violations may also be grounds for visitor's to be permanently barred from eligibility to visit residents.

As detailed later in this Residential Standard, the category of visitation requested will determine conditions of visitation, including visitors permitted, hours of visitation, the approval process, and the location in the facility for the visit. Visits are categorized as one of the following:

- a. Social Visitation. Family, relatives, friends and associates. Children may be subject to special restrictions. (Paragraph 9)
- b. Legal Visitation. Attorneys, other legal representatives, and legal assistants. (Paragraph 10)
- c. Consultation Visitation. For residents subject to Expedited Removal. (Paragraph 11)
- d. Consular Visitation. Similar to legal visitation but with consular officials who have U.S. Department of State identification. (Paragraph 12)
- e. Non-Governmental Organization Visitation and Tours. (Paragraph 13)
- f. Community Service Organization Visitation. Representatives of civic, religious, cultural groups, etc. (Paragraph 14)
- g. Other Special Visitation. (Paragraph 15)

#### General

Each facility shall establish written visiting procedures, including a schedule and hours of visitation.

All visits shall be contact visits within a residential center.

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A facility administrator may temporarily restrict visiting when necessary to ensure the safety and good order of the facility.

### 3. Notification of Visiting Rules and Hours

Each facility shall:

- a. Provide written notification of visitation rules and hours in the resident handbook (or equivalent) given each resident upon admission.
- b. Post the rules and hours in common areas and each housing unit, where they can easily be seen by residents.
- c. Make the schedule and procedures available to the public, both in written form and telephonically. A live voice or recording shall provide telephone callers the rules and hours for all categories of visitation.
- d. Post visiting rules and hours in the visitor waiting area.

#### 4. Visitor Logs

Each facility shall maintain a log of all general visitors, and a separate log of legal visitors, as described below.

Facility staff shall record the following information in the general visitor's log:

- a. The name and alien registration number (A-number) of the resident visited
- b. The visitor's name and address
- c. The visitor's immigration status
- d. The visitor's relationship to the resident
- e. The date and time in and time out

See 10 n for the procedures for the legal visitor's log.

### 5. Incoming Property and Funds for Residents Brought by Visitors

In accordance with the Residential Standard on "Funds and Personal Property," each facility shall have written procedures regarding incoming property and money for residents. The facility administrator may allow a visitor to leave cash or a money order with a designated staff member for deposit in a resident's account, and shall provide the visitor with a receipt for money and property left at the facility. Under no circumstances may visitors give property or money directly to a resident.

The shift supervisor must approve all items that visitors bring for residents. The visiting room staff may not accept articles or gifts of any kind for a resident, unless the facility administrator and/or shift supervisor has approved them.

Residents may receive only minimal amounts of personal property, including:

- a. Small religious items
- b. Religious and secular reading material (soft cover)
- c. Legal documents and papers

- d. Pictures (10 maximum), measuring 5" x 7" or smaller
- e. Prescription glasses
- f. Dentures
- g. Personal address book or pages
- h. Correspondence
- i. Wedding rings
- i. Other items approved by the facility administrator

# 6. Consequences of Violation of Visitation and Contraband Rules

Any violation of the visitation rules may result in corrective action against the resident, which may include the loss of visitation privileges. Visiting privileges can be revoked only through the formal resident review process; however, the facility administrator has the authority to restrict or suspend a resident's ordinary visiting privileges temporarily when there is reasonable suspicion that the resident has acted in a way that threatens the safety, security, or good order of the facility. Ordinarily, the restriction or suspension should be limited to the time required to investigate and initiate the corrective action.

A visitor's failure to abide by visiting rules may result in immediate cancellation or termination of a visit and/or suspension of future visitation privileges.

Introduction of contraband or other criminal violations may lead to criminal prosecution of a visitor and/or resident.

### 7. Dress Codes for Visitors

The facility shall establish and maintain a dress code for visitors over the age of five (5) years. A written copy shall be available to the public upon request.

The minimum dress code is as follows.

### a. Female Visitors

- Shorts shall cover customarily covered areas of the anatomy, including the buttocks and crotch area, both when standing and sitting. Shorts no higher than mid-thigh comply. "Short shorts," jogging shorts, cut-offs, and other obviously inappropriate short garments are prohibited.
- 2) Skirts and dresses shall extend no higher than mid-thigh when the wearer is seated.
- 3) Slits in skirts and dresses shall rise no higher than mid-thigh when the wearer is seated.
- 4) Sheer (see-through) clothing is prohibited.
- 5) The top of shirts and dresses (excluding straps) shall be no lower than the underarm in the front and back. Bare midriffs and strapless tops, tube tops, and swimsuits are prohibited.

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6) Shoes shall be worn at all times.

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7) Gang "colors" and other gang displays are prohibited.

### b. Male Visitors

- Shorts shall cover customarily covered areas of the anatomy, including the buttocks and crotch area, both when standing and sitting. Shorts no higher than mid-thigh comply. "Short shorts," jogging shorts, cut-offs, and other obviously inappropriate short garments are prohibited.
- 2) Shirts shall be worn at all times. Muscle shirts, bare midriff shirts and sleeveless shirts are prohibited.
- 3) Shoes shall be worn at all times.
- 4) Gang "colors" and other gang displays are prohibited.

### 8. Visiting Room Conditions

The facility's visiting areas shall be appropriately furnished and arranged, and as comfortable and pleasant as practicable. Also, as practicable, space should be provided outside of the immediate visiting areas for the secure storage of visitors' coats, handbags, and other personal items.

The facility administrator shall provide adequate supervision of all visiting areas, and the visiting area staff shall ensure that all visits are conducted in a quiet, orderly, and dignified manner.

### 9. Visits by Family and Friends

### a. Hours and Time Limits

Each facility shall establish a daily visiting schedule based on the resident population and the demand for visits. Visits shall be permitted daily during set hours. The facility may authorize special visits for family visitors unable to visit during regular hours. Where staff resources permit, the facility may establish evening visiting hours.

To accommodate the volume of visitors within the limits of space and staff resources, and to ensure safety, the facility administrator may restrict visits. The facility's written rules shall specify time limits for visits -- 60 minutes minimum, under normal conditions. ICE/DRO encourages more generous limits when possible, especially for family members traveling significant distances. In unforeseen circumstances, such as the number of visitors exceeding visiting room capacity, the facility administrator may modify visiting periods.

#### b. Persons Allowed to Visit:

Family, relatives, friends and associates unless they would pose a threat to the security and good order of the institution

### c. Visitor Identification and Search

Staff shall verify each visitor's identity before admitting him or her to the facility. No adult visitor may be admitted without verified photo identification, such as a driver's

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license or other photo identification card. Staff shall contact the supervisor on duty when a visitor's identity is in question. At the supervisor's discretion, a minor (under the age of 18) without positive identification may be admitted if the accompanying adult visitor vouches for his or her identity. Children must remain under the direct supervision of an adult visitor, so not to disturb other visitors; and excessively disruptive conduct by children may result in termination of the visit.

The ICE facility administrator may establish a procedure for limited random criminal background and warrant checks, for the purpose of ensuring facility safety and security.

Staff shall escort visitors to the visiting room only after completing identification and inspection, as provided in the facility's written procedures. All visitors are subject to a personal search, which may include a pat ("pat-down") search as well as a visual inspection of purses, briefcases, packages, and other containers. No person who refuses to be searched may be permitted to visit.

In each facility, written procedures shall provide for the prevention, cancellation, or termination of any visit that appears to pose a threat to safety, security, or good order. Staff who believe a situation poses such a threat shall alert the shift supervisor or equivalent, who may prevent, cancel, or terminate the visit.

Inspecting staff may ask the visitor to open a container for visual inspection of its contents. If warranted, staff may ask the visitor to remove the contents and place them on a table; however, the staff may not place his or her hands inside the container. Facilities shall provide and promote visitors' use of lockers or a secure area provided for safekeeping of personal belongings during visits.

Only a staff member with the rank of supervisor or above may deny or cancel a visit. In these cases, the staff member shall document his or her action in a memorandum sent through official channels to the facility administrator. The visiting room staff, with concurrence from the shift supervisor, may terminate visits involving inappropriate behavior.

Facilities shall not require approved visitor lists from ICE/DRO residents.

### d. Contact Visits

Written procedures shall detail the limits and conditions of contact visits in facilities permitting them. Ordinarily, within the bounds of propriety, handshaking, embracing, and kissing are permitted during the visit; however, staff may limit physical contact to minimize opportunities for contraband introduction and otherwise maintain the orderly operation of the visiting area. Liberal application of this standard is encouraged,

For further information see the Residential Standard on "Searches of Residents."

# 10. Visits by Legal Representatives and Legal Assistants

#### a. General

In visits referred to as "legal visitation," each resident may meet privately with current or prospective legal representatives and their legal assistants.

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#### b. Hours

Each facility shall permit legal visitation seven days a week, including holidays, for a minimum of eight hours per day on regular business days, and a minimum of four hours per day on weekends and holidays.

The facility shall provide notification of the rules and hours for legal visitation, as specified above, and prominently post this information in the waiting areas and visiting areas for general and legal visitors, in the recreation area and in the housing units.

On regular business days, legal visitations may proceed through a scheduled meal period, and the resident shall receive a meal tray after the visit.

#### c. Persons Allowed to Visit

Subject to the restrictions stated below, individuals in the following categories may visit residents to discuss legal matters:

### 1). Attorneys and Other Legal Representatives

An attorney is any person who is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of any state, possession, territory, commonwealth, or the District of Columbia, and is not under an order of any court suspending, enjoining, restraining, disbarring, or otherwise restricting him or her in the practice of law.

A legal representative is an attorney or other person representing another in a matter of law, including law students, law graduates not yet admitted to the bar, "reputable individuals" (8 CFR 292.1), accredited representatives, accredited officials, and attorneys from other countries. See 8 CFR 292.1 for more detailed definitions of these terms.

### 2). Legal Assistants

Upon presentation of a letter of authorization from the legal representative under whose supervision he or she is working, an unaccompanied legal assistant may meet with a resident during legal visitation hours. The letter shall state that the named legal assistant is working on behalf of the supervising legal representative for purposes of meeting with the ICE/DRO resident(s).

#### 3). Interpreters

The facility shall permit interpreters to accompany legal representatives and legal assistants on legal visits, subject to **Visitor Identification and Search** procedures detailed above.

### 4). Messengers

The facility shall permit messengers who are not legal representatives or legal assistants to deliver documents to and from the facility, but not to visit residents.

### d. Identification of Legal Representatives and Assistants

Prior to each visit, all legal representatives and assistants shall be required to

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provide identification.

State bar cards are the preferred forms of identification, and attorneys who are members of state bars that do not provide bar cards are required to present other documentation that verifies bar membership. If such documentation is not readily available to attorneys licensed in a particular state, the person shall be required to indicate where he or she is licensed as an attorney and how that fact may be verified.

Legal representative and legal assistants may not be asked to state the legal subject matter of the meeting.

Legal representatives and assistants are subject to a search at any time of his or her person and belongings for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of contraband.

### e. Identification of Resident To Be Visited

The facility may not require legal representatives and assistants to submit a resident's A-number as a condition of visiting, and shall make a good-faith effort to locate a resident if provided with any other information about the resident.

### f. Call-Ahead Inquiries

Each facility shall establish a written procedure to allow legal representatives and assistants to telephone the facility in advance of a visit, to determine whether a particular individual is detained there. The request must be made to the on-site ICE/DRO staff or, where there is no resident staff, to the ICE/DRO office with jurisdiction over the facility.

If the person seeking the information states that he or she already represents the resident, ICE/DRO staff shall confirm that the caller's name corresponds with the name on a Form G-28, *Notice of Appearance*, on file. To protect confidentiality, if a Form G-28 is not yet on file, ICE/DRO staff must be satisfied that the person making the inquiry is, in fact, a legal representative or legal assistant who is considering representing the subject resident in legal proceedings.

When unfamiliar with the person making the inquiry, ICE/DRO staff should request documentary evidence, such as a letter of request on identifying letterhead, and shall accept such evidence by fax. Alternatively, at the request of the caller, staff shall seek the consent of the resident for the disclosure of residential information. In either case, ICE/DRO staff shall respond to the caller as soon as possible, but in no case more than 24 hours after the call was made.

Notwithstanding the general policy set forth in the previous paragraph, the ICE/DRO retains the discretion to withhold this telephonic information on a case-by-case basis if it has clear and compelling facts to support the belief that disclosure would endanger national security, facility security, or the resident. In such circumstances, ICE/DRO staff may request further information to allay the security concerns raised and may seek the resident's consent to the disclosure.

# g. Pre-Representation Meetings

During the regular hours for legal visitation, the facility shall permit residents to meet with prospective legal representatives or legal assistants. The facility shall document such "pre-representation meetings" in the logbook for legal visitation.

At the "pre-representation" stage no attorney-client relationship exists. Therefore, to meet with a resident, legal service providers need not complete a Form G-28 to state that they are legal representatives of the resident).

# h. Form G-28 Required for Attorney-Client Meetings

Attorneys representing residents on legal matters unrelated to immigration are not required to complete a Form G-28.

Once an attorney-client relationship has been established, the legal representative shall complete and submit a Form G-28, which shall be available in the legal visitation reception area. Staff shall collect completed forms and forward them to ICE/DRO.

Each completed Form G-28 becomes a permanent part of the resident's A-file, and it remains valid until ICE/DRO receives written notice of the relationship's termination from the resident or the legal representative. Staff shall place such notices in the A-file on top of the Form G-28.

# i. Private Meeting Room

Visits between legal representatives or assistants and a resident are confidential, and shall not be subject to auditory supervision. Private consultation rooms shall be available for such meetings.

Staff shall not be present in the confidential area during the meeting unless the legal representative or assistant requests the presence of staff; however, staff may observe such meetings visually through a window or camera to the extent necessary to maintain security, as long as staff cannot overhear the conversation.

When a situation arises where private conference rooms are in use and the attorney wishes to meet in a regular or alternate visiting room, the request should be accommodated to the extent practicable. Such meetings should be afforded the greatest degree of privacy possible under the circumstances.

Due to the presence of children and the requirement to provide for attorney-client visitation, visitation areas shall be constructed in a manner that allows for parents to view the activities of their minor children within the visitation area. When necessary each facility is required to provide a means where a parent can talk privately out of the hearing range of the children.

# j. Materials Provided to Residents by Legal Representatives

The facility's written legal visitation procedures must provide for the exchange of documents between a resident and the legal representative or assistant.

Documents or other written material provided to a resident during a visit with a legal representative shall be inspected but not read. Residents are entitled to retain legal material received for their personal use. Quantities of blank forms or self-help legal material in excess of those required for personal use may be held for the resident with his or her stored property. The resident shall be permitted access to these documents, through the established avenues of communication.

### k. Resident Search

Each facility shall have written procedures to govern resident searches. Each

resident shall receive a copy of these search procedures in the resident handbook (or equivalent) given to each resident upon admission.

### Group Legal Meetings

Upon the request of a legal representative or assistant, the facility administrator may permit a confidential meeting (with no staff present) involving the requester and two or more residents. This may be for various purposes: pre-representational, representational, removal-related, etc. The facility should grant such requests to the greatest extent practicable; that is, if it has the physical capacity and the meeting would not unduly interfere with security and good order. Each facility administrator shall limit resident attendance according to the practical concerns of the facility, or the security concerns associated with the meeting in question.

See also the Residential Standard on "Legal Rights Group Presentations."

# m. Pro Bono List and Resident Sign-Up

ICE/DRO shall provide each facility the official list of local *pro bono* legal organizations, which is updated quarterly by the local DOJ Executive Office for Immigration Review. The facility shall promptly and prominently post the current list in resident housing units and other appropriate areas.

Any legal organization or individual on the current list may write the facility administrator to request the posting and/or general circulation of a sign-up sheet. The facility administrator shall then notify residents of the sign-up sheet's availability and, according to established procedures, ensure coordination with the *pro bono* organization.

# n. Legal Visitation Log

Staff shall maintain a separate log to record all legal visitors, including those denied access to the resident. The log shall include the reason(s) for denying access.

Log entries shall include: the date; time of arrival; visitor's name; visitor's address; supervising attorney's name (if applicable); resident's name and A-number; purpose of visit (e.g., pre-representation, representational, Expedited Removal consultation); time visit began; time visit ended. Staff shall also record any important comments about the visit.

# o. Availability of Legal Visitation Policy

The facility's written legal visitation policy shall be available upon request and posted in all common areas and housing units. The site-specific policy shall detail the visitation hours, procedures and standards, including, but not limited to: telephone inquiries; dress code; legal assistants working under the supervision of an attorney; pre-representational meetings; Form G-28 requirements; identification and search of legal representatives; identification and search of visitors; materials provided to residents by legal representatives; confidential group legal meetings; and resident sign-up.

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#### 11. Consultation Visits for Residents Subject to Expedited Removal

#### a. General

Residents subject to Expedited Removal who have been referred to Asylum Officers are entitled by statute and regulation to consult with persons of the resident's choosing, both prior to the interview, and while the Asylum Staff's decision is under review. Such consultation visitation is for the purpose of discussing immigration matters, not for social visits.

- The consultation visitation period begins before any interview with Asylum staff, and continues while the Asylum staff's determination undergoes review by the Supervisory Asylum Staff or Immigration Judge.
- The consultation visitation period ends when a Notice to Appear is issued and the resident is placed in removal proceedings before an immigration judge; however, the resident retains legal and other visitation privileges, in accordance with this Residential Standard.
- Consultation visitation may neither incur Government expense nor unduly delay the removal process.

#### b. Method of Consultation

Because expedited removal procedures occur within short time frames, each facility shall develop procedures that liberally allow an opportunity for consultation visitation, in order to ensure compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements and to prevent delay in the Expedited Removal process. Given the time constraints, consultation by mail will generally not prove viable.

The facility shall facilitate consultation visitation by telephone and face-to-face, and staff shall be sensitive to individual circumstances when resolving consultation-related issues.

Consultation visitation shall be allowed during legal visitation hours and during general visitation hours; however, confidentiality shall be ensured only during legal visitation hours. If necessary to meet demand, the facility administrator shall increase the facility's consultation visiting hours.

#### C. Persons Allowed To Visit for Consultation Purposes

Residents subject to Expedited Removal may consult whomever they choose, in person or by phone, at any time, during the first 48 hours following notification of Expedited Removal. Consultants might include, but are not limited to, attorneys and other legal representatives, prospective legal representatives, legal assistants, members of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), friends, and family members.

Consultation visitors are subject to the same identification and security screening procedures as general visitors. If documented security concerns preclude an inperson visit with an individual, the facility administrator shall arrange for consultation by telephone. If security reasons also preclude consultation by telephone, the facility administrator shall consult the respective Chief Counsel.

#### d. Privacy

Consultation visits, in person or by telephone, receive the same privacy as communications between legal representatives and residents.

#### e. Admittance for Asylum Staff Interview

Residents subject to Expedited Removal may bring and consult advisors during the Asylum staff interview. The presence of persons to consult is also allowed during the immigration judge's review of a negative credible fear determination, at the judge's discretion.

#### f. Log

Staff shall record consultation visits in the legal visitation log.

The purpose of the visit shall be noted as "ER consultation."

The facility shall create a separate record of the visit that is placed in the resident's A-file, or place a copy of the visitation log page in the resident's A-file.

#### a. Form G-28 for Consultation Visits

Visitors are not required to file a Form G-28 to participate in a consultation visit or provide consultation during an Asylum staff interview or immigration judge's review of a negative credible fear determination. This applies even if the visitor is an attorney or legal representative.

#### h. Other Considerations for Consultation Visits

For other considerations in regard to consultation visits, the above procedures for "Visits by Legal Representatives and Legal Assistants" apply. Specifically, see policies for Group Legal Meetings, Call-Ahead Inquiries, Searches, Identification of Resident to be Visited, Materials Provided to Residents by Legal Representatives, *Pro Bono* List and Resident Sign-Up, and Availability of Legal Visitation Policy.

#### 12. Consular Protection<sup>1</sup>

According to international agreements, residents must be advised of their right to consular access, and the ICE/DRO must facilitate this access. Therefore, it is ICE/DRO policy and practice that all detained individuals shall be provided with notice of their right to contact their consular representatives and to receive visits from their consulate's staff during intake orientation and in the resident handbook.

The facility administrator shall ensure that all residents are notified of and afforded the right to contact and receive visits from their consular staffs. The same hours, privacy, and conditions that govern legal visitation guide consular visitation. Consular visits may be permitted at additional times with the facility administrator's prior authorization.

To visit, consular staffs must present U.S. Department of State identification.

### 13. Non-Government Organization Visitation with Residents and Tours of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For additional guidance, ICE officers should consult ICE Office of Investigations Directive 73001.1 "Consular Notification of Detained or Arrested Foreign Nationals."

#### **Facilities**

All requests by NGOs and other organizations to send representatives to visit residents must be submitted in writing to JFRMU. The written request must state the exact reason for the visit and issues to be discussed.

All efforts shall be made to accommodate NGO requests for facility tours in a timely manner. All tours shall be limited to a reasonable number of participants, who must submit in a timely manner the personal information needed for their background checks. Tours shall be scheduled at the convenience of the residential facility, so as not to disrupt normal operations and to be in compliance with facility security requirements.

Written requests from domestic or international organizations associated with residential issues shall be submitted to JFRMU.

#### 14. Visits from Representatives of Community Service Organizations

The facility administrator, in consultation with ICE/DRO, may approve visits to one or more residents by individuals or groups representing community service organizations, including civic, religious, cultural, therapeutic, and other groups. Volunteers may provide a special religious, educational, therapeutic, or recreational activity.

The facility administrator's approval shall take into account such factors as:

- a. Safety and security considerations
- b. Availability of personnel to supervise the activity
- c. Sufficient advance notification to the facility administrator

Residents' immediate family and other relatives, friends, and associates, as detailed above under **Persons Allowed to Visit**, may not serve as volunteers.

To assist the facility administrator's decision, facility staff (such as chaplains and recreation specialists) shall verify the organization's bona fide interests and qualifications for this type of service.

#### Groups must:

a. **Provide the facility with advance notification** of the names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers of the group members who will be visiting.

All volunteers, regardless of title or position, are subject to a minimal background check that includes, but is not limited to, a criminal history check, verification of identity, occupation, and credentials for the type of activity involved.

- b. **Provide identification** for the individual members of the group upon arrival at the facility.
- c. Comply with visitation rules.

Each approved volunteer shall receive an appropriate orientation to the facility and acknowledge his or her understanding of rules and procedures by signing an agreement to comply, particularly in regard to permissible behavior and relationships with residents. The orientation and signed agreement shall:

• Specify lines of authority, responsibility, and accountability for

volunteers.

- Prohibit volunteers from:
  - Using their official positions to secure privileges for themselves or others
  - Engaging in activities that constitute a conflict of interest
  - Accepting any gift from or engaging in personal business transactions with a resident or a resident's immediate family

All volunteers shall be held accountable for compliance with the rules and procedures.

d. Read and sign a waiver of liability from each group member that releases ICE/DRO of all responsibility in case of injury during the visit, before being admitted to any secure portion of the facility or location where residents are present.

#### 15. Other Special Visits

#### a. Law Enforcement Officials' Visits

Facility visitation procedures shall cover law enforcement officials requesting interviews with residents and requires notification to the Field Office Director, Chief Counsel, and JFRMU.

## b. Visitation by Former Residents or Aliens in Proceedings

Former ICE/DRO-residents, individuals with criminal records, and individuals in deportation proceedings shall not be automatically excluded from visiting. Individuals in any of these categories must so notify the facility administrator before registering for visitation privileges. To determine visitation privileges, the ICE facility administrator shall weigh the nature and extent of an individual's criminal record and/or prior conduct against the benefits of visitation.

### c. Visiting Rules Regarding Animals

Each facility shall establish and disseminate a policy and implementing procedures governing under what circumstances, if any, animals may accompany human visitors onto or into facility property.

Standard Approved:

John P. Torres
Director

Office of Detention and Removal

Date

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM



I.C.E. ARTESIA FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CENTER ARTESIA, NM.

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# VISITATION OFFICER



# U. S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement

Artesia Family Residential Center

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# **POST ORDERS**



U.S. Department of Homeland Security Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement Artesia Family Residential Center, Artesia, NM

#### **Specific Post Orders**

# **AFRC VISITATION OFFICER**

HOURS OF OPERATION:	
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#### **ASSUME POST:**

Prior to assuming any post, the Visitation Officer will review and sign the post orders in the Sign-In-Record. Review the previous log entries, inspect and inventory any equipment assigned to the post, review the informal pass on log, and ask the supervisor about any changes in Post Orders, operating procedures, and other information pertinent to the post.

Complete a physical inspection of the post and general visitation room area to identify any potential sanitation, safety or maintenance deficiencies.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Ensure all necessary equipment is functional.
- Inspect / check exit doors.
- Pick up the daily population report from the Supervisory Immigration Enforcement Agent (SIEA). .
- Ensure the visitation room is maintained in a safe, sanitary and secure condition.
- Ensure residents do not deface the furniture or walls of the visitation room.
- Ensure that private attorneys only use their approved personally owned portable electronic devices in accordance with AFRC Policy 8.1.
- Be vigilant regarding the introduction of contraband into the visitation area by all visitors.
- Log each resident's arrival, movement, and departure in the post log.
- Annotate the date, time, name of resident, alien number, visitor name, and any additional comments.
- As residents arrive to visitation verify if there are other appointments (i.e. medical, asylum, court, etc.) they need
  to attend and coordinate accordingly.
- Conduct irregular security walks, four (4) times each hour, in the visitation area to ensure compliance with the General and Legal Visitation AFRC Policy, 5.8. Ensure that the Legal visitation cubicles as well as the attorney work area are checked for security issues. Those checks shall be documented in the post log.
- Staff shall fax documents as needed for those residents and attorneys requesting such services. Only staff
  members shall use the equipment needed for those services.
- Meals are offered to those residents not able to attend lunch or dinner due to their visitation.
- Coordinate with the Transportation Officer to ensure all residents are transported to their visitation in a timely manner.
- Do not allow visitors to reconfigure the furniture in the visitation area, unless approval from an SDDO or higher is granted.
- Do not allow residents to be staged in the visitation area for any reason, all residents present should have a visitor present prior to their arrival. Residents are staged in the Dayroom in Building 172.

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- Contact the SIEA on duty when the capacity of the visitation space has been reached so that the schedule can be
  adjusted to accommodate additional visits.
- Ensure that a courteous and tactful approach is used when addressing any issues in the visitation area.
- All breaches of security will be immediately raised to the SIEA for further review and action is necessary.
- Ensure that all supplies are sufficient for the day to include diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, nipples and baby food.

#### **RECURRING DUTIES:**

Morning meal provided in accordance with scheduled meal rotation.
Obtain a daily population report from the SIEA.
Ensure residents with visits are escorted to the visitation room in a timely manner.
Commence census in accordance with the census policy.
Noon meal provided in accordance with scheduled meal rotation.
Commence census in accordance with the census policy.
Evening meal provided in accordance with scheduled meal rotation.
Commence census in accordance with the census policy.
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Census: There will be no movement in or out of the visitation room area during census.

Exit Doors: Exit doors will be checked during rounds, a minimum of two times per hour. Annotate in

the log book the condition of the )(7)(exxit doors. If any door requires maintenance you

will notify the SIEA immediately.

Unit Cleanup: Officers will ensure the visitation room area and contents are kept clean and sanitized.

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#### **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS:**

• If at any time you feel you, other staff members, or residents are in imminent physical danger (b)(7)(e)

- In the event of an emergency such as a tire or unautnorized entry into the building, contact the Control Center and the SIEA immediately to advise them of the situation and await instructions.
- Should an exit door fail after receiving proper authorization to evacuate residents, you will notify the facility Control Center to request assistance and if possible, proceed to another exit.

It is not expected that these post orders will cover every conceivable situation that you may be confronted with while performing your assigned duties. However, you are expected to exercise good judgment in the application of these orders. Any questions or concerns should be directed to your supervisor.

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# THIS POLICY WILL BE REVIEWED AT LEAST ANNUALLY AND UPDATED AS NEEDED.

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# GENERAL POST ORDERS



# SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS



#### General Post Orders

- 1. Officers are required to be in full and proper uniform, if applicable.
- 2. Prior to assuming any post, read, familiarize yourself with, and sign the acknowledgment form attached to the post orders.
- 3. Take charge of your post and all property that it contains. You are responsible for the safety and security of your post as well as resident discipline. All government property is to be inspected for proper working condition. Memorandums will be completed regarding any item that is not properly functioning. Unusual detainee behavior will be reported to your immediate supervisor.
- 4. Never leave the post to which you are assigned until properly relieved. You will perform your assigned duties until you have been properly relieved.
- 5. Be alert and vigilant at all times. Maintain a constant awareness of your surroundings. By maintaining a highly visible profile, residents are less likely to commit prohibited acts.
- 6. Immediately report any unusual circumstance to your supervisor. Keep your immediate supervisor informed of any activity that may lead to unrest. Interaction with residents on a professional level can assist you in gathering information. This type of preventative measure may stop a potential problem before it occurs.
- 7. Officers are responsible for maintaining safety, security, and sanitation of their assigned post.
- 8. Adhere to and pass on to your relief any changes in post orders, operating procedures, and other information pertinent to the post. If you received special instructions during you tour, be sure to pass them on to the relieving officer. Special instructions should also be noted in the appropriate logbook. Get as much information from the previous officer as you can. The more you know about the population's attitude, the better you can prepare yourself to take over the post. Extend the same professional courtesy to the officer that relieves you.
- 9. Notify the shift supervisor IMMEDIATELY in the event of fire, disorder, escape, or injury to anyone. KEEP CALM! Use your radio to notify the supervisor. If radio traffic is heavy, use any available phone. Fire alarms are also located throughout the facility.
- 10. Residents are to be treated with courtesy and respect. Recognizing the effect of personal appearance, speech, conduct, and demeanor in communicating the appropriate sense of authority, every officer shall dress, speak, and act with the utmost professionalism.
- 11. Contact your immediate supervisor in any event that is not covered by instruction. If a situation arises that you have not previously encountered, contact your immediate supervisor for direction in handling the matter.
- 12. Keep accurate log entries of all noteworthy events that take place. By constantly updating your logbook, you assure that any future questions regarding your duties will be easily answered. This will leave little room for negative interpretation of your performance.

13. Maintain accountability of residents at all times.	Verify the census and/or identity of residents under
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Reviewed July 2014

# **MEMORANDUM**



# FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS



# ICE/DRO/RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

#### **VISITATION**

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Residents will be able to maintain ties through visitation with their families, the community, legal representatives, and consular officials, within the constraints of safety and good order.

Conjugal visits for ICE/DRO residents are prohibited.

- II. **EXPECTED OUTCOMES.** The expected outcomes of this Residential Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Residents will be able to receive contact visits from their families, associates, legal representatives, consular officials, and others in the community.
  - 2. Residents will be advised of visiting privileges and procedures as part of the facility's admission and orientation program in a language he or she can understand.
  - 3. Information about visiting policies and procedures will be readily available to the public.
  - 4. The number of visitors a resident may receive and the length of visits will be limited only by reasonable constraints of space, scheduling, staff availability, safety, security, and good order. The minimum duration for a visit shall be 60 minutes.
  - 5. Visitors will be required to adequately identify themselves and register in order to be admitted into a facility; and safety, security, and good order will be maintained.
  - 6. A background check will be conducted on all new volunteers prior to their being approved to provide services to residents.
  - Each new volunteer will complete an appropriate, documented orientation program, and sign an acknowledgement of his or her understanding of the applicable rules and procedures and an agreement to comply with them.
  - 8. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 9. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

#### IV. REFERENCES

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that

deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association 4th Edition Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF: 5B-01, 5B-02, 5B-03, 5B-04, 2A-21, 2A-27, 2A-61, 6A-02, 6A-06, 7B-03, 7C-02, 7F-05, 7F-06.

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### 1. Overview

Facilities that house ICE/DRO residents provide visiting facilities and procedures for residents to maintain communication with persons in the community. Safety, security, and good order are always primary considerations in a residential facility. Visitors must be properly identified and attired, and are subject to search upon entering the facility and at any other time while in the facility. Except as otherwise permitted herein, visitors may not give anything directly to a resident, although it may be permissible to leave certain items and funds for a resident. All visits in residential facilities shall be contact visits

Any violation of the visitation rules may result in corrective action against the resident. Introduction of contraband or other criminal violations may lead to criminal prosecution of a visitor and/or resident. Violations may also be grounds for visitor's to be permanently barred from eligibility to visit residents.

As detailed later in this Residential Standard, the category of visitation requested will determine conditions of visitation, including visitors permitted, hours of visitation, the approval process, and the location in the facility for the visit. Visits are categorized as one of the following:

- a. Social Visitation. Family, relatives, friends and associates. Children may be subject to special restrictions. (Paragraph 9)
- b. Legal Visitation. Attorneys, other legal representatives, and legal assistants.
   (Paragraph 10)
- c. Consultation Visitation. For residents subject to Expedited Removal. (Paragraph 11)
- d. Consular Visitation. Similar to legal visitation but with consular officials who have U.S. Department of State identification. (Paragraph 12)
- e. Non-Governmental Organization Visitation and Tours. (Paragraph 13)
- f. Community Service Organization Visitation. Representatives of civic, religious, cultural groups, etc. (Paragraph 14)
- g. Other Special Visitation. (Paragraph 15)

#### 2. General

Each facility shall establish written visiting procedures, including a schedule and hours of visitation.

All visits shall be contact visits within a residential center.

A facility administrator may temporarily restrict visiting when necessary to ensure the safety and good order of the facility.

#### 3. Notification of Visiting Rules and Hours

Each facility shall:

- a. Provide written notification of visitation rules and hours in the resident handbook (or equivalent) given each resident upon admission.
- b. Post the rules and hours in common areas and each housing unit, where they can easily be seen by residents.
- c. Make the schedule and procedures available to the public, both in written form and telephonically. A live voice or recording shall provide telephone callers the rules and hours for all categories of visitation.
- d. Post visiting rules and hours in the visitor waiting area.

#### 4. Visitor Logs

Each facility shall maintain a log of all general visitors, and a separate log of legal visitors, as described below.

Facility staff shall record the following information in the general visitor's log:

- a. The name and alien registration number (A-number) of the resident visited
- b. The visitor's name and address
- c. The visitor's immigration status
- d. The visitor's relationship to the resident
- e. The date and time in and time out

See 10 n for the procedures for the legal visitor's log.

# 5. Incoming Property and Funds for Residents Brought by Visitors

In accordance with the Residential Standard on "Funds and Personal Property," each facility shall have written procedures regarding incoming property and money for residents. The facility administrator may allow a visitor to leave cash or a money order with a designated staff member for deposit in a resident's account, and shall provide the visitor with a receipt for money and property left at the facility. Under no circumstances may visitors give property or money directly to a resident.

The shift supervisor must approve all items that visitors bring for residents. The visiting room staff may not accept articles or gifts of any kind for a resident, unless the facility administrator and/or shift supervisor has approved them.

Residents may receive only minimal amounts of personal property, including:

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- a. Small religious items
- b. Religious and secular reading material (soft cover)
- c. Legal documents and papers

- d. Pictures (10 maximum), measuring 5" x 7" or smaller
- e. Prescription glasses
- f. Dentures
- g. Personal address book or pages
- h. Correspondence
- i. Wedding rings
- j. Other items approved by the facility administrator

# 6. Consequences of Violation of Visitation and Contraband Rules

Any violation of the visitation rules may result in corrective action against the resident, which may include the loss of visitation privileges. Visiting privileges can be revoked only through the formal resident review process; however, the facility administrator has the authority to restrict or suspend a resident's ordinary visiting privileges temporarily when there is reasonable suspicion that the resident has acted in a way that threatens the safety, security, or good order of the facility. Ordinarily, the restriction or suspension should be limited to the time required to investigate and initiate the corrective action.

A visitor's failure to abide by visiting rules may result in immediate cancellation or termination of a visit and/or suspension of future visitation privileges.

Introduction of contraband or other criminal violations may lead to criminal prosecution of a visitor and/or resident.

#### 7. Dress Codes for Visitors

The facility shall establish and maintain a dress code for visitors over the age of five (5) years. A written copy shall be available to the public upon request.

The minimum dress code is as follows.

#### a. Female Visitors

- Shorts shall cover customarily covered areas of the anatomy, including the buttocks and crotch area, both when standing and sitting. Shorts no higher than mid-thigh comply. "Short shorts," jogging shorts, cut-offs, and other obviously inappropriate short garments are prohibited.
- 2) Skirts and dresses shall extend no higher than mid-thigh when the wearer is seated.
- 3) Slits in skirts and dresses shall rise no higher than mid-thigh when the wearer is seated.
- 4) Sheer (see-through) clothing is prohibited.
- 5) The top of shirts and dresses (excluding straps) shall be no lower than the underarm in the front and back. Bare midriffs and strapless tops, tube tops, and swimsuits are prohibited.
- 6) Shoes shall be worn at all times.

7) Gang "colors" and other gang displays are prohibited.

#### b. Male Visitors

- Shorts shall cover customarily covered areas of the anatomy, including the buttocks and crotch area, both when standing and sitting. Shorts no higher than mid-thigh comply. "Short shorts," jogging shorts, cut-offs, and other obviously inappropriate short garments are prohibited.
- 2) Shirts shall be worn at all times. Muscle shirts, bare midriff shirts and sleeveless shirts are prohibited.
- 3) Shoes shall be worn at all times.
- 4) Gang "colors" and other gang displays are prohibited.

#### 8. Visiting Room Conditions

The facility's visiting areas shall be appropriately furnished and arranged, and as comfortable and pleasant as practicable. Also, as practicable, space should be provided outside of the immediate visiting areas for the secure storage of visitors' coats, handbags, and other personal items.

The facility administrator shall provide adequate supervision of all visiting areas, and the visiting area staff shall ensure that all visits are conducted in a quiet, orderly, and dignified manner.

#### 9. Visits by Family and Friends

#### a. Hours and Time Limits

Each facility shall establish a daily visiting schedule based on the resident population and the demand for visits. Visits shall be permitted daily during set hours. The facility may authorize special visits for family visitors unable to visit during regular hours. Where staff resources permit, the facility may establish evening visiting hours.

To accommodate the volume of visitors within the limits of space and staff resources, and to ensure safety, the facility administrator may restrict visits. The facility's written rules shall specify time limits for visits -- 60 minutes minimum, under normal conditions. ICE/DRO encourages more generous limits when possible, especially for family members traveling significant distances. In unforeseen circumstances, such as the number of visitors exceeding visiting room capacity, the facility administrator may modify visiting periods.

#### b. Persons Allowed to Visit:

Family, relatives, friends and associates unless they would pose a threat to the security and good order of the institution

#### c. Visitor Identification and Search

Staff shall verify each visitor's identity before admitting him or her to the facility. No adult visitor may be admitted without verified photo identification, such as a driver's

license or other photo identification card. Staff shall contact the supervisor on duty when a visitor's identity is in question. At the supervisor's discretion, a minor (under the age of 18) without positive identification may be admitted if the accompanying adult visitor vouches for his or her identity. Children must remain under the direct supervision of an adult visitor, so not to disturb other visitors; and excessively disruptive conduct by children may result in termination of the visit.

The ICE facility administrator may establish a procedure for limited random criminal background and warrant checks, for the purpose of ensuring facility safety and security.

Staff shall escort visitors to the visiting room only after completing identification and inspection, as provided in the facility's written procedures. All visitors are subject to a personal search, which may include a pat ("pat-down") search as well as a visual inspection of purses, briefcases, packages, and other containers. No person who refuses to be searched may be permitted to visit.

In each facility, written procedures shall provide for the prevention, cancellation, or termination of any visit that appears to pose a threat to safety, security, or good order. Staff who believe a situation poses such a threat shall alert the shift supervisor or equivalent, who may prevent, cancel, or terminate the visit.

Inspecting staff may ask the visitor to open a container for visual inspection of its contents. If warranted, staff may ask the visitor to remove the contents and place them on a table; however, the staff may not place his or her hands inside the container. Facilities shall provide and promote visitors' use of lockers or a secure area provided for safekeeping of personal belongings during visits.

Only a staff member with the rank of supervisor or above may deny or cancel a visit. In these cases, the staff member shall document his or her action in a memorandum sent through official channels to the facility administrator. The visiting room staff, with concurrence from the shift supervisor, may terminate visits involving inappropriate behavior.

Facilities shall not require approved visitor lists from ICE/DRO residents.

#### d. Contact Visits

Written procedures shall detail the limits and conditions of contact visits in facilities permitting them. Ordinarily, within the bounds of propriety, handshaking, embracing, and kissing are permitted during the visit; however, staff may limit physical contact to minimize opportunities for contraband introduction and otherwise maintain the orderly operation of the visiting area. Liberal application of this standard is encouraged,

For further information see the Residential Standard on "Searches of Residents."

# 10. Visits by Legal Representatives and Legal Assistants

#### a. General

In visits referred to as "legal visitation," each resident may meet privately with current or prospective legal representatives and their legal assistants.

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#### b. Hours

Each facility shall permit legal visitation seven days a week, including holidays, for a minimum of eight hours per day on regular business days, and a minimum of four hours per day on weekends and holidays.

The facility shall provide notification of the rules and hours for legal visitation, as specified above, and prominently post this information in the waiting areas and visiting areas for general and legal visitors, in the recreation area and in the housing units.

On regular business days, legal visitations may proceed through a scheduled meal period, and the resident shall receive a meal tray after the visit.

#### c. Persons Allowed to Visit

Subject to the restrictions stated below, individuals in the following categories may visit residents to discuss legal matters:

#### 1). Attorneys and Other Legal Representatives

An attorney is any person who is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of any state, possession, territory, commonwealth, or the District of Columbia, and is not under an order of any court suspending, enjoining, restraining, disbarring, or otherwise restricting him or her in the practice of law.

A legal representative is an attorney or other person representing another in a matter of law, including law students, law graduates not yet admitted to the bar, "reputable individuals" (8 CFR 292.1), accredited representatives, accredited officials, and attorneys from other countries. See 8 CFR 292.1 for more detailed definitions of these terms.

#### 2). Legal Assistants

Upon presentation of a letter of authorization from the legal representative under whose supervision he or she is working, an unaccompanied legal assistant may meet with a resident during legal visitation hours. The letter shall state that the named legal assistant is working on behalf of the supervising legal representative for purposes of meeting with the ICE/DRO resident(s).

#### 3). Interpreters

The facility shall permit interpreters to accompany legal representatives and legal assistants on legal visits, subject to **Visitor Identification and Search** procedures detailed above.

#### 4). Messengers

The facility shall permit messengers who are not legal representatives or legal assistants to deliver documents to and from the facility, but not to visit residents.

#### d. Identification of Legal Representatives and Assistants

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Prior to each visit, all legal representatives and assistants shall be required to

provide identification.

State bar cards are the preferred forms of identification, and attorneys who are members of state bars that do not provide bar cards are required to present other documentation that verifies bar membership. If such documentation is not readily available to attorneys licensed in a particular state, the person shall be required to indicate where he or she is licensed as an attorney and how that fact may be verified.

Legal representative and legal assistants may not be asked to state the legal subject matter of the meeting.

Legal representatives and assistants are subject to a search at any time of his or her person and belongings for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of contraband.

#### e. Identification of Resident To Be Visited

The facility may not require legal representatives and assistants to submit a resident's A-number as a condition of visiting, and shall make a good-faith effort to locate a resident if provided with any other information about the resident.

#### f. Call-Ahead Inquiries

Each facility shall establish a written procedure to allow legal representatives and assistants to telephone the facility in advance of a visit, to determine whether a particular individual is detained there. The request must be made to the on-site ICE/DRO staff or, where there is no resident staff, to the ICE/DRO office with jurisdiction over the facility.

If the person seeking the information states that he or she already represents the resident, ICE/DRO staff shall confirm that the caller's name corresponds with the name on a Form G-28, *Notice of Appearance*, on file. To protect confidentiality, if a Form G-28 is not yet on file, ICE/DRO staff must be satisfied that the person making the inquiry is, in fact, a legal representative or legal assistant who is considering representing the subject resident in legal proceedings.

When unfamiliar with the person making the inquiry, ICE/DRO staff should request documentary evidence, such as a letter of request on identifying letterhead, and shall accept such evidence by fax. Alternatively, at the request of the caller, staff shall seek the consent of the resident for the disclosure of residential information. In either case, ICE/DRO staff shall respond to the caller as soon as possible, but in no case more than 24 hours after the call was made.

Notwithstanding the general policy set forth in the previous paragraph, the ICE/DRO retains the discretion to withhold this telephonic information on a case-by-case basis if it has clear and compelling facts to support the belief that disclosure would endanger national security, facility security, or the resident. In such circumstances, ICE/DRO staff may request further information to allay the security concerns raised and may seek the resident's consent to the disclosure.

#### g. Pre-Representation Meetings

During the regular hours for legal visitation, the facility shall permit residents to meet with prospective legal representatives or legal assistants. The facility shall document such "pre-representation meetings" in the logbook for legal visitation.

At the "pre-representation" stage no attorney-client relationship exists. Therefore, to meet with a resident, legal service providers need not complete a Form G-28 to state that they are legal representatives of the resident).

## h. Form G-28 Required for Attorney-Client Meetings

Attorneys representing residents on legal matters unrelated to immigration are not required to complete a Form G-28.

Once an attorney-client relationship has been established, the legal representative shall complete and submit a Form G-28, which shall be available in the legal visitation reception area. Staff shall collect completed forms and forward them to ICE/DRO.

Each completed Form G-28 becomes a permanent part of the resident's A-file, and it remains valid until ICE/DRO receives written notice of the relationship's termination from the resident or the legal representative. Staff shall place such notices in the A-file on top of the Form G-28.

#### i. Private Meeting Room

Visits between legal representatives or assistants and a resident are confidential, and shall not be subject to auditory supervision. Private consultation rooms shall be available for such meetings.

Staff shall not be present in the confidential area during the meeting unless the legal representative or assistant requests the presence of staff; however, staff may observe such meetings visually through a window or camera to the extent necessary to maintain security, as long as staff cannot overhear the conversation.

When a situation arises where private conference rooms are in use and the attorney wishes to meet in a regular or alternate visiting room, the request should be accommodated to the extent practicable. Such meetings should be afforded the greatest degree of privacy possible under the circumstances.

Due to the presence of children and the requirement to provide for attorney-client visitation, visitation areas shall be constructed in a manner that allows for parents to view the activities of their minor children within the visitation area. When necessary each facility is required to provide a means where a parent can talk privately out of the hearing range of the children.

# j. Materials Provided to Residents by Legal Representatives

The facility's written legal visitation procedures must provide for the exchange of documents between a resident and the legal representative or assistant.

Documents or other written material provided to a resident during a visit with a legal representative shall be inspected but not read. Residents are entitled to retain legal material received for their personal use. Quantities of blank forms or self-help legal material in excess of those required for personal use may be held for the resident with his or her stored property. The resident shall be permitted access to these documents, through the established avenues of communication.

#### k. Resident Search

Each facility shall have written procedures to govern resident searches. Each

resident shall receive a copy of these search procedures in the resident handbook (or equivalent) given to each resident upon admission.

#### I. Group Legal Meetings

Upon the request of a legal representative or assistant, the facility administrator may permit a confidential meeting (with no staff present) involving the requester and two or more residents. This may be for various purposes: pre-representational, representational, removal-related, etc. The facility should grant such requests to the greatest extent practicable; that is, if it has the physical capacity and the meeting would not unduly interfere with security and good order. Each facility administrator shall limit resident attendance according to the practical concerns of the facility, or the security concerns associated with the meeting in question.

See also the Residential Standard on "Legal Rights Group Presentations."

### m. Pro Bono List and Resident Sign-Up

ICE/DRO shall provide each facility the official list of local *pro bono* legal organizations, which is updated quarterly by the local DOJ Executive Office for Immigration Review. The facility shall promptly and prominently post the current list in resident housing units and other appropriate areas.

Any legal organization or individual on the current list may write the facility administrator to request the posting and/or general circulation of a sign-up sheet. The facility administrator shall then notify residents of the sign-up sheet's availability and, according to established procedures, ensure coordination with the *pro bono* organization.

#### n. Legal Visitation Log

Staff shall maintain a separate log to record all legal visitors, including those denied access to the resident. The log shall include the reason(s) for denying access.

Log entries shall include: the date; time of arrival; visitor's name; visitor's address; supervising attorney's name (if applicable); resident's name and A-number; purpose of visit (e.g., pre-representation, representational, Expedited Removal consultation); time visit began; time visit ended. Staff shall also record any important comments about the visit.

## o. Availability of Legal Visitation Policy

The facility's written legal visitation policy shall be available upon request and posted in all common areas and housing units. The site-specific policy shall detail the visitation hours, procedures and standards, including, but not limited to: telephone inquiries; dress code; legal assistants working under the supervision of an attorney; pre-representational meetings; Form G-28 requirements; identification and search of legal representatives; identification and search of visitors; materials provided to residents by legal representatives; confidential group legal meetings; and resident sign-up.

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# 11. Consultation Visits for Residents Subject to Expedited Removal

#### a. General

Residents subject to Expedited Removal who have been referred to Asylum Officers are entitled by statute and regulation to consult with persons of the resident's choosing, both prior to the interview, and while the Asylum Staff's decision is under review. Such consultation visitation is for the purpose of discussing immigration matters, not for social visits.

- The consultation visitation period **begins** before any interview with Asylum staff, and continues while the Asylum staff's determination undergoes review by the Supervisory Asylum Staff or Immigration Judge.
- The consultation visitation period **ends** when a Notice to Appear is issued and the resident is placed in removal proceedings before an immigration judge; however, the resident retains legal and other visitation privileges, in accordance with this Residential Standard.
- Consultation visitation may neither incur Government expense nor unduly delay the removal process.

#### b. Method of Consultation

Because expedited removal procedures occur within short time frames, each facility shall develop procedures that liberally allow an opportunity for consultation visitation, in order to ensure compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements and to prevent delay in the Expedited Removal process. Given the time constraints, consultation by mail will generally not prove viable.

The facility shall facilitate consultation visitation by telephone and face-to-face, and staff shall be sensitive to individual circumstances when resolving consultation-related issues.

Consultation visitation shall be allowed during legal visitation hours and during general visitation hours; however, confidentiality shall be ensured only during legal visitation hours. If necessary to meet demand, the facility administrator shall increase the facility's consultation visiting hours.

#### c. Persons Allowed To Visit for Consultation Purposes

Residents subject to Expedited Removal may consult whomever they choose, in person or by phone, at any time, during the first 48 hours following notification of Expedited Removal. Consultants might include, but are not limited to, attorneys and other legal representatives, prospective legal representatives, legal assistants, members of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), friends, and family members.

Consultation visitors are subject to the same identification and security screening procedures as general visitors. If documented security concerns preclude an inperson visit with an individual, the facility administrator shall arrange for consultation by telephone. If security reasons also preclude consultation by telephone, the facility administrator shall consult the respective Chief Counsel.

#### d. Privacy

Consultation visits, in person or by telephone, receive the same privacy as communications between legal representatives and residents.

#### e. Admittance for Asylum Staff Interview

Residents subject to Expedited Removal may bring and consult advisors during the Asylum staff interview. The presence of persons to consult is also allowed during the immigration judge's review of a negative credible fear determination, at the judge's discretion.

#### f. Log

Staff shall record consultation visits in the legal visitation log.

The purpose of the visit shall be noted as "ER consultation."

The facility shall create a separate record of the visit that is placed in the resident's A-file, or place a copy of the visitation log page in the resident's A-file.

#### g. Form G-28 for Consultation Visits

Visitors are not required to file a Form G-28 to participate in a consultation visit or provide consultation during an Asylum staff interview or immigration judge's review of a negative credible fear determination. This applies even if the visitor is an attorney or legal representative.

### h. Other Considerations for Consultation Visits

For other considerations in regard to consultation visits, the above procedures for "Visits by Legal Representatives and Legal Assistants" apply. Specifically, see policies for Group Legal Meetings, Call-Ahead Inquiries, Searches, Identification of Resident to be Visited, Materials Provided to Residents by Legal Representatives, *Pro Bono* List and Resident Sign-Up, and Availability of Legal Visitation Policy.

### 12. Consular Protection<sup>1</sup>

According to international agreements, residents must be advised of their right to consular access, and the ICE/DRO must facilitate this access. Therefore, it is ICE/DRO policy and practice that all detained individuals shall be provided with notice of their right to contact their consular representatives and to receive visits from their consulate's staff during intake orientation and in the resident handbook.

The facility administrator shall ensure that all residents are notified of and afforded the right to contact and receive visits from their consular staffs. The same hours, privacy, and conditions that govern legal visitation guide consular visitation. Consular visits may be permitted at additional times with the facility administrator's prior authorization.

To visit, consular staffs must present U.S. Department of State identification.

# 13. Non-Government Organization Visitation with Residents and Tours of

¹ For additional guidance, ICE officers should consult ICE Office of Investigations Directive 73001.1 "Consular Notification of Detained or Arrested Foreign Nationals."

#### **Facilities**

All requests by NGOs and other organizations to send representatives to visit residents must be submitted in writing to JFRMU. The written request must state the exact reason for the visit and issues to be discussed.

All efforts shall be made to accommodate NGO requests for facility tours in a timely manner. All tours shall be limited to a reasonable number of participants, who must submit in a timely manner the personal information needed for their background checks. Tours shall be scheduled at the convenience of the residential facility, so as not to disrupt normal operations and to be in compliance with facility security requirements.

Written requests from domestic or international organizations associated with residential issues shall be submitted to JFRMU.

## 14. Visits from Representatives of Community Service Organizations

The facility administrator, in consultation with ICE/DRO, may approve visits to one or more residents by individuals or groups representing community service organizations, including civic, religious, cultural, therapeutic, and other groups. Volunteers may provide a special religious, educational, therapeutic, or recreational activity.

The facility administrator's approval shall take into account such factors as:

- a. Safety and security considerations
- b. Availability of personnel to supervise the activity
- c. Sufficient advance notification to the facility administrator

Residents' immediate family and other relatives, friends, and associates, as detailed above under **Persons Allowed to Visit**, may not serve as volunteers.

To assist the facility administrator's decision, facility staff (such as chaplains and recreation specialists) shall verify the organization's *bona fide* interests and qualifications for this type of service.

#### Groups must:

a. **Provide the facility with advance notification** of the names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers of the group members who will be visiting.

All volunteers, regardless of title or position, are subject to a minimal background check that includes, but is not limited to, a criminal history check, verification of identity, occupation, and credentials for the type of activity involved.

- b. **Provide identification** for the individual members of the group upon arrival at the facility.
- c. Comply with visitation rules.

Each approved volunteer shall receive an appropriate orientation to the facility and acknowledge his or her understanding of rules and procedures by signing an agreement to comply, particularly in regard to permissible behavior and relationships with residents. The orientation and signed agreement shall:

• Specify lines of authority, responsibility, and accountability for

volunteers.

- Prohibit volunteers from:
  - Using their official positions to secure privileges for themselves or
  - Engaging in activities that constitute a conflict of interest
  - Accepting any gift from or engaging in personal business transactions with a resident or a resident's immediate family

All volunteers shall be held accountable for compliance with the rules and procedures.

d. Read and sign a waiver of liability from each group member that releases ICE/DRO of all responsibility in case of injury during the visit, before being admitted to any secure portion of the facility or location where residents are present.

#### 15. Other Special Visits

#### a. Law Enforcement Officials' Visits

Facility visitation procedures shall cover law enforcement officials requesting interviews with residents and requires notification to the Field Office Director, Chief Counsel, and JFRMU.

# b. Visitation by Former Residents or Aliens in Proceedings

Former ICE/DRO-residents, individuals with criminal records, and individuals in deportation proceedings shall not be automatically excluded from visiting. Individuals in any of these categories must so notify the facility administrator before registering for visitation privileges. To determine visitation privileges, the ICE facility administrator shall weigh the nature and extent of an individual's criminal record and/or prior conduct against the benefits of visitation.

#### c. Visiting Rules Regarding Animals

Each facility shall establish and disseminate a policy and implementing procedures governing under what circumstances, if any, animals may accompany human visitors onto or into facility property.

Standard Approved:

John P Director

Office of Detention and Removal

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## ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

#### **RESIDENT CENSUS**

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Each facility has an ongoing, effective system of resident census to verify presence within the facility at specified times, thereby protecting the residential community from harm and enhancing facility security, safety, and good order.

#### II. EXPECTED OUTCOME.

- The expected outcome of this Standard is that security, safety, and orderly facility operations will be maintained through an ongoing, effective system of resident census.
- 2. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
- 3. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None

#### IV. REFERENCES

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association 4th Edition Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities: 4-ALDF-2A-16, 2A-17.

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### 1. Resident census

Resident census is conducted at specific times of the day and night in a predetermined manner. A formal resident census should be conducted (b)(7)(e) times a day, with a shift supervisor verifying census accuracy. During the formal census, residents shall report to pre-designated areas at specified times and check in with staff as required. The census shall not resemble a standing head count such as those used in correctional operations except as permitted within this standard.

Census procedures must be strictly followed. If the accuracy of a census is in doubt, the staff shall do a census and any other double-checking necessary. Staff performing the census shall never rely on a roll call.

- a. Staffs shall encourage resident cooperation; however, they shall not allow residents to perform the census, nor participate in the preparation or documentation of the census process.
- b. As each area reports its census, the control staff shall so indicate in the control log. If any area/unit reports an incorrect census, all residents will be required to be returned to their housing unit for a formal census.
- c. A formal census requires face-to-photo verification. When the face-to-photo census has been completed, the control staff shall report that census to the shift supervisor responsible for accepting and clearing the census.
- d. In the event that a resident is unaccounted for after the face-to-photo verification, the supervisor on duty shall institute the escape policy.
- e. The census shall not be conducted during sleeping hours and staff shall not shine lights or otherwise disturb residents unless an exigent circumstance exists.

#### 2. Face-to-Photo Verification

Face-to-photo verification shall be conducted as necessary.

Face-to-photo verification procedures are the same as the formal census procedures, except each resident shall be matched with the photo on his or her l-385 card or other facility photo-identification card.

#### 3. Master Census

The facility Control Center shall maintain a master census.

The facility control staff maintains the master census record. He or she must be provided with up-to-the-minute information regarding resident admissions, releases, housing changes, hospital admissions, and any other changes that could affect resident accountability.

#### 4. Out-Counts

The control staff shall maintain an out-count record of the number and destination of all residents who temporarily leave the facility.

This record must contain an accurate and up-to-date listing of every temporary departure and return of a resident

#### 5. Emergency Counts

An emergency count shall be conducted when there is reason to believe a resident is missing, or after a major incident has occurred.

An emergency count is a formal census taken in addition to and at a different time from the regularly scheduled Resident reporting. When a resident is unaccounted for, or a major incident has ended, a census shall be taken to determine that no residents or staff are missing.

All residents shall be returned to their housing units during emergency counts. An emergency count is conducted in the same manner as a formal census.

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**Director** 

Office of Detention and Removal

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# ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

#### CONTRABAND

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Contraband is identified, detected, controlled and properly disposed, thereby protecting residents and staff and enhancing facility security and good order.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Contraband will be identified, detected, controlled, and disposed of properly.
  - 2. Resident personal property that would be considered contraband within the facility will be mailed to a third party or stored until the resident's release, unless that property is illegal or a threat to safety or security
  - 3. Contraband that may be evidence in connection with a violation of a criminal statute will be preserved, inventoried, controlled, and stored so as to maintain and document the chain of custody.
  - 4. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 5. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### **III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED: None**

#### IV. REFERENCES

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American Correctional Association 4th Edition Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities: 2C-01, 2C-02, 2C-06.

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

- 1. "Hard" and "Soft" Contraband: "Contraband is anything residents are not authorized to have in their possession.
  - a. Hard contraband includes any item that:
    - 1) Is inherently dangerous, including but not limited to weapons (b)(7)(e)

- 2) Is a tool or device that could be used to escape (rope, bolt cutters, keys, etc.)
- Could otherwise interfere with security, safety, or the good order of facility operations (intoxicants, prohibited currency, sensitive or confidential facility documents, etc)
- 4) Is a narcotic and/or other controlled substances not dispensed or approved by the medical department, not used as prescribed, or in the possession of a resident other than for whom it was prescribed. Staff shall consult the facility pharmacist or other health services staff when uncertain about whether a prescribed medication represents contraband. Medicine the resident brings into the facility upon arrival shall be forwarded to the facility medical staff for disposition.

# A resident found in possession of hard contraband could face corrective action or criminal prosecution.

b. Soft contraband includes "nuisance" items that do not pose a direct and immediate threat to safety but has the potential to create dangerous or unsanitary conditions in the facility, such as excess papers that create a fire hazard, inappropriate written materials, food items that are spoiled or retained beyond the point of safe consumption, etc.

### 2. Procedures for Handling Contraband

All facilities shall have written policy and procedures for the handling of contraband.

- a. Seizure of Contraband. Staff shall seize contraband:
  - 1) Found in the physical possession or living area of a resident including that of a resident awaiting voluntary return.
  - 2) From common areas,
  - 3) From incoming or outgoing mail,
  - 4) Discovered during admission in-processing,

Exceptions may occur only upon written authorization of the facility administrator.

- b. Religious Items. The facility administrator shall ordinarily consult a religious authority before the confiscation of a religious item that is "soft" contraband.
- c. Disputed Ownership. When a resident's claimed ownership of potential contraband material is in question, staff shall:
  - 1) Inventory and store item pending verification of ownership;

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2) Provide the resident a copy of the inventory as soon as practicable and place a second copy in the resident's Residential file. The resident shall have seven days following receipt of the inventory to verify ownership of the listed items.

Contraband

- 3) Staff shall deny claims:
  - a) Arising from the unauthorized use of government property.
  - b) For any item acquired without authorization from another resident.

If the resident cannot establish ownership, staff shall attempt to resolve the situation, but if ownership cannot be reasonably established, the property may be destroyed, as described below.

- 3. Resident Property That Is Contraband. Staff shall seize any soft contraband and/or hard contraband. As long as the contraband is not illegal under criminal statutes and would not otherwise pose a threat to security, staff shall inventory and receipt the property and mail to a third party, or store with the resident's other stored personal property, in accordance with the Residential Standard on "Funds and Personal Property." If the resident chooses not to provide an appropriate mailing address, or is financially able but unwilling to pay the postage, the facility administrator after providing the resident with written notice of the intent to destroy the property and how to prevent that outcome may dispose of the property in accordance with Destruction of Contraband below.
- 4. Evidence of a Crime. Contraband that may be evidence in connection with a violation of a criminal statute shall be preserved, inventoried, controlled, and stored so as to maintain and document the chain of custody and reported to the appropriate law enforcement authority for action and possible seizure. Many types of hard contraband are illegal under 18 U.S.C. Section 1791.
- 5. Government Property. Contraband that is government property shall be retained as evidence for possible corrective action or criminal prosecution, after which, as is appropriate, it may be:
  - a. Returned to the issuing authority,
  - b. Returned to normal stock for reuse, or
  - c. Destroyed, with approval of the facility administrator.

#### 6. Destruction of Contraband

Hard contraband may be destroyed when no longer needed for corrective action or criminal prosecution. It may also be kept for official use (for example, as a training tool) if secured in a designated secure room when not in use. The facility administrator shall establish a procedure for the destruction of contraband items.

Procedures shall include at a minimum:

- a. The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations, or equivalent, determines whether an item shall be destroyed.
- b. The Assistant Facility Administrator for Operations sends the facility administrator a memorandum through official channels, describing what is to be destroyed and why.
- c. The facility administrator generally holds an item of questionable ownership for 120 days before considering its destruction, to afford the resident ample opportunity to obtain verification of ownership and/or appeal the decision in

accordance with the Residential Standard on "Grievance Procedures."

Where disciplinary action is appropriate, the facility administrator shall defer his/her decision about the property until the disciplinary case, including appeals, is resolved.

- d. The staff member who physically destroys the property and at least one official observer shall attest, in writing, to having witnessed the property's destroyed
- e. A copy of the property disposal record is placed in the resident's Residential file. Records of property disposal shall remain on file for at least two years to ensure its availability for any subsequent investigation of a tort claim.

#### 7. Canine Units

While canine units maybe used for contraband detection with the written approval of JFRMU, canine units will not be maintained at or near the facility. A canine search will never be conducted in the presence of residents. Their use for force, control, or intimidation of residents is prohibited.

#### 8. Notice to Residents

The resident handbook, or equivalent, shall notify residents of the following:

- a. The facility's rules and procedures governing contraband.
- b. The applicability of the Residential Standard on Funds and Personal Property, as it relates to contraband.

**Standard Approved:** 

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### ICE/DRO RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

#### **SEARCHES OF RESIDENTS**

- I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Contraband is detected, controlled, and/or properly disposed of, protecting residents and staff and enhancing facility good order and security.
- II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of this Standard are as follows:
  - 1. Residents will live and work in a safe and orderly environment.
  - 2. Contraband will be controlled.
  - 3. Searches of residents, housing and work areas will be conducted without unnecessary force and in ways that, insofar as is practical, preserve the dignity of residents.
  - 4. When body searches are conducted, the least intrusive practicable search method will be employed, as determined by the type of contraband and the method of suspected introduction or concealment.
  - A pat-down search will be conducted only when there is reasonable belief or suspicion that contraband may be concealed on the person, or a good opportunity for concealment has occurred, and, if required, when properly authorized by a supervisor.
  - Contraband that may be evidence of a criminal law violation will be preserved, inventoried, controlled, and stored so as to maintain and document the chain of custody.
  - 7. Where required, residents have regular access to translation services and/or are provided information in a language that they understand.
  - 8. The standard complies with federal laws and with DHS regulations regarding residents with special needs.

#### III. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED

None.

#### IV. REFERENCES

The First Edition National Residential Standards were written using a variety of methodologies including previous and current practices, review and comment from various subject matter experts, review and comment from various government and non-government organizations, and a review of current state codes in Pennsylvania and Texas. Each standard is written in a manner that affords each resident admission and continuous housing to a family residential facility in a dignified and respectful manner. There are no specific codes, certifications, or accreditations that deal specifically with unique management requirements of families awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceeding in a non-secure custodial environment.

American Correctional Association Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities, 4th Edition: 4-ALDF-2C-01, 2C-02, 2C-03, 2C-04, 2C-05, 2C-06, 2A-20, 6C-19.

October 15, 2007, Memorandum from DRO Director John Torres, "Change Notice: Admission and Release- National Detention Standard Strip Search Policy."

#### V. EXPECTED PRACTICES

#### 1. Written Policy and Procedures Required

All facilities shall have written policy and procedures for:

- a. Employment of the least intrusive method of search practicable, as determined by the type of contraband and the method of suspected introduction or concealment;
- b. Conduct of body searches, including frisks ("pat-downs"), visual searches ("strip searches"), body cavity searches, and x-rays;
- Avoidance of unnecessary force and efforts to preserve the dignity of residents during searches, to the extent practicable;
- d. Avoidance of unnecessary disorder during a search of housing or work areas; such searches shall not be conducted on a routine basis;
- e. Handling of contraband;
- f. Preservation of evidence.

#### 2. Staff Training

Staff shall receive initial and annual training on effective search techniques.

#### 3. Search of Resident Housing and Work Areas

The purpose for searching resident housing and work areas is to ensure a safe living environment for families. Periodically, staff may search a resident's housing and work area as well as personal items contained within those areas, without notice to, or approval from the resident. However, search of a resident's personal items should include notification to the resident and require their presence unless exigent circumstances exist. The facility is required to notify ICE weekly of all physical plant searches conducted. ICE shall immediately be notified of any instance in which hard contraband is found. Each facility shall establish procedures to ensure all housing units and work areas are searched at least daily, however, search times shall be at irregular intervals to prevent staging of contraband. Inspections are primarily designed to:

- a. Detect contraband;
- b. Prevent escapes;
- c. Maintain sanitary standards, and;
- d. Eliminate fire and safety hazards.

Staff shall maintain written documentation of each area search. The Assistant

Facility Administrator for Operations shall maintain the inspectors' documentation.

#### 4. Searches of Residents

Staff shall document all searches, authorizations, and the reasons for the searches in any logs used to record searches and in the resident's residential file.

#### a. Pat Search

During admission to a facility, or at any time thereafter, pat-downs shall not be conducted on any resident unless reasonable and articulable suspicion can be documented. No child resident fourteen years old or younger may be the subject of a pat-down search without the explicit authorization of the facility administrator or the assistant facility administrator.

A pat-down is an inspection of a resident, using the hands. The inspector uses his or her sense of touch when patting or running the hands over the clothed resident's body. It is considered the least intrusive of the body searches and should only be conducted by a staff member of the same gender.

A pat-down does not require the resident to remove clothing, although the inspection includes a search of the resident's clothing and personal effects.

A hand-held and/or stationary metal detector shall be available and will be used in lieu of a pat-down.

#### b. Strip/Visual Search

Description: A strip search, also referred to as a visual search may not be authorized or conducted without the explicit consent of the ICE facility administrator. A strip search shall only be conducted by (b)(7)(e) ICE staff members of the same gender as the resident and only under circumstances where it can be shown that a life or public safety issue is clearly established. A strip search may never be conducted on a child under age fourteen without the authorization of the Field Office Director and JFRMU.

In any instance where a parent must be searched, the search shall not be performed in the presence of any child. In any instance where a child must be searched, the parent must be present.

A strip search is a visual inspection of all body surfaces and body cavities. The inspector shall not touch any skin surface of the resident. However, the inspector may request that the resident move parts of the body to permit visual inspection. It is considered more intrusive than a pat-down and shall be made in a manner designed to ensure as much privacy to the resident as practicable.

A strip search requires the removal or rearrangement of some or all of the resident's clothing to examine the clothing or to permit the inspection of exterior skin surfaces of the body, including breasts and exterior anal and genital areas, inside of the nose, ears, and mouth. If items are discovered that protrude from a body cavity, the removal of those items are governed by the procedures applicable to body cavity searches, addressed below.

#### c. Body Cavity Searches

In every instance where it is established that a foreign object is located within a body cavity, only a qualified medical authority shall be authorized to locate and remove the object. Only the Chief JFRMU in conjunction with the Field Office Director can authorize this type of search.

#### 5. PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE

Contraband that may be evidence of a criminal law violation shall be preserved, inventoried, controlled, and stored so as to maintain and document the chain of custody, and shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement authority for action and possible seizure and prosecution.

**Standard Approved:** 

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**Director** 

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