# San Diego County Sheriff's Department Detention Services Bureau - Manual of Policies and Procedures

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**SUBJECT:** DAYROOM WAIST AND LEG CHAINS

**RELATED SECTIONS:** 

# **PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines for the use of leg and waist chains during an inmate's scheduled dayroom time.

# **POLICY**

Inmates whose actions have demonstrated a propensity for violence and or the destruction of property, to include other justifiable factors, may be recommended to wear waist and leg chains during their designated dayroom time. Recommendations for Dayroom Waist and Leg Chains (DRC) must be clearly articulated on an Inmate Status Report (ISR) in the Jail Information Management System (JIMS). The facility commander will designate a DRC coordinator to review, approve and or deny all recommendations for DRC. The Jail Population Management Unit (JPMU) will be responsible for adding the DRC hazard to the inmate's classification code.

# **PROCEDURES**

# I. REQUIREMENTS

Deputies must submit an ISR to the DRC coordinator when recommending an inmate for DRC. The ISR must include specific reasons and or incidents as to why the inmate must wear waist and leg chains while in the dayroom. The DRC coordinator will review and evaluate all information prior to approving or denying the recommendation. Upon approval of a DRC, the DRC coordinator will:

- A. Notify JPMU; JPMU will place the DRC hazard in the inmate's classification code.
- B. Send a notification email to all team supervisors notating placements into DRC. Team supervisors shall brief their staff of those placed in DRC.

#### II. CLASSIFICATION LEVEL AND HOUSING

All inmates requiring the DRC hazard will be reclassified to a Level 6-High Maximum, be dressed in jail green clothing and wear a green wristband. All inmates requiring the DRC descriptor will be housed in a lower tier cell in administrative segregation.

# III. REVIEW AND RETENTION/REMOVAL

On the first day of each month, the DRC coordinator will generate a list of inmates with a DRC hazard using the "Active Inmates with Selected Hazards" report, via the JIMS Web. The DRC coordinator will assess the necessity to retain or discontinue the DRC. In either instance, the review and decision to retain or discontinue must be documented in an ISR. Upon completion of the review, the DRC coordinator will:

- A. Notify JPMU of those recommended for removal of DRC; JPMU will remove the DRC hazard from the inmate's JIMS history.
- B. Send a notification email to all team supervisors notating the review and decision to retain or remove DRC. Team supervisors shall brief their staff of those retained/removed from DRC.