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

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**SUBJECT:** INMATE FOOTWEAR

**RELATED SECTIONS:** Q.57

### **PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines for inmate footwear.

## **POLICY**

All inmates will wear jail issued footwear unless authorized by detention medical staff.

# **PROCEDURE**

## I. APPROVED INMATE FOOTWEAR

All inmates will be issued sandals (with the standard inmate clothing) during the booking process. The sandals must be surrendered upon release from custody.

### II. MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS

- A. Inmates with medical/orthopedic problems must obtain specific approval to wear orthopedic shoes from detention medical staff via the sick call procedure. A physician's order is required for medically indicated foot appliances or footwear. These can include a cast, splint, walking boot, and foot drop braces. Medically indicated foot appliance/footwear approved by the jail physician and acquired from inmate property must be inspected by security staff. The Sheriff's medical director or designee will review and approve the medically indicated foot appliance if it must be purchased by the Sheriff's Medical Services Division. A notation will be made on the inmate's property inventory.
- B. Any inmate with a medical condition requiring a "closed" shoe, who does not have acceptable shoes in his/her personal property, shall be provided a shoe from Sheriff's Commissary by Inmate Welfare using the same method as that for reading glasses. These shoes become the property of the inmate and are retained by the inmate upon release.

### III. OTHER EXCEPTIONS

- A. Inmate workers will be provided shoes appropriate to their work assignment.
- B. This policy does not apply to court ordered dress outs.