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LINE-UP TRAINING

11-53 Safety Checks

Topic # 18

After discussing/reviewing the below training material in line-up (briefing), sworn staff shall sign off as completed in LMS. In the event a staff member is not present when this topic is discussed in line-up, they shall independently read, review, and complete the training.

Completion of this line-up training topic includes reviewing the associated standardized presentation available on the DTU SharePoint site ([#18 Standard Presentation](#)). Staff shall review the [11-53 Safety Check Video - 2019](#).

By clicking "Yes" to "Have you completed this activity?" in LMS, you are attesting that you have viewed, read, and completed the training activity.

I. PURPOSE

To familiarize staff with the policy and procedures on facility housing and holding cell safety checks.

II. POLICY

Sworn staff shall conduct safety checks of incarcerated persons, housing areas, holding areas and vacant cells through direct visual observation (i.e., direct personal view of the incarcerated person/area without the aid of audio/video equipment). Safety checks of incarcerated persons consist of looking at the incarcerated persons for any obvious signs of medical distress, trauma, or criminal activity. Safety checks shall be conducted at least once within every 60-minute time period. Safety checks of Medical Observation Beds (MOB) and Psychiatric Stabilization Units (PSU) shall be conducted at least once within every 30-minute time period. The intervals of the safety checks, within the 60 or 30-minute time periods, shall vary and must be logged in the Jail Information Management System (JIMS). In addition to observing the safety and welfare of incarcerated persons, sworn staff shall also be attentive to security and maintenance issues as well as environmental factors (e.g., temperature, odors, cleanliness) while conducting safety checks. This training is conducted in adherence to [DSB P&P Section I.64: Safety Checks: Housing and Holding Areas of Incarcerated Persons](#), [Title 15 Section 1027.5](#) and related facility specific Green Sheets.



III. DISCUSSION

- A. Staff shall discuss and review [Title 15 Section 1027.5](#)
Safety Checks shall be conducted at least hourly through direct visual observation of all incarcerated persons. These shall be no more than a 60-minute lapse between safety checks. There shall be a written plan that includes the documentation of routine safety checks.
- B. Staff shall discuss and review Penal Code Section 4021
In part mandates, it is unlawful for a deputy to enter into the room or cell occupied by an incarcerated person of the opposite gender, except when accompanied by a deputy of the same gender as the incarcerated person. This does not preclude sworn staff of either gender from assisting each other or excuse them from ensuring a safety check is completed.
- C. Staff shall discuss and review the below topics and procedures related to conducting and logging safety checks as described [DSB P&P Section I.64: Safety Checks: Housing and Holding Areas of Incarcerated Persons](#) and related facility specific Green Sheets.
 - 1. Adherence to Penal Code 4021 while conducting safety checks
 - 2. Safety checks of the opposite gender
 - 3. High security housing and contact and cover techniques
 - 4. Cell style housing safety checks
 - a. Staff shall observe each incarcerated person present in the common areas of the module for any obvious signs of medical distress, trauma, or criminal activity.
 - b. This shall require sworn staff to stop at, or enter a cell/holding area, to properly observe the incarcerated person(s).
 - 5. Dormitory style housing safety checks
 - a. Sworn staff shall walk by each bunk in a manner that permits them to observe each incarcerated person.
 - b. This may require sworn staff to stop at a bunk to properly observe the incarcerated person(s).
 - 6. Facility areas requiring safety checks
 - a. Safety checks shall be completed in all non-housing locations designed as cells/holding areas for an incarcerated person (e.g., receiving, medical, release, court holding) even when unoccupied (the release area at Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility release area is excluded from this requirement).
 - b. Sworn staff shall stop at or enter each cell/holding area to conduct the safety check.



7. Logging of 60-minute safety checks
 - a. JIMS 11-53 started entry requirements
 - b. JIMS 11-53 notes entry requirements
 - c. Procedures for documenting late/missed safety checks
 - d. Sergeant responsibilities for reviewing JIMS area activity logs
 - e. Watch commander responsibilities for reviewing JIMS area activity logs