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

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SUBJECT: INCARCERATED PERSON FOOTWEAR

RELATED SECTIONS: Q.57

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for incarcerated person footwear.

POLICY

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

PROCEDURE

I. APPROVED INCARCERATED PERSON FOOTWEAR

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

II. MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS

- A. Incarcerated persons 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 incarcerated person 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 incarcerated person's property inventory.
- B. Any incarcerated person with a medical condition requiring a "closed" shoe, who does not have acceptable shoes in their personal property, shall be provided a shoe from Sheriff's Commissary by Incarcerated person Welfare using the same method as that for reading glasses. These shoes become the property of the incarcerated person and are retained by the incarcerated person upon release.

III. OTHER EXCEPTIONS

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