

SUPERVISING MINORS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX

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California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 1360

RESCINDS: Procedure Manual Item 3-1-021, dated 07/28/08

FORMS: None

PURPOSE: To establish a standard procedure for supervising minors of the opposite sex in juvenile institutions.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Staff of the opposite sex will respect minors' privacy and personal dignity to the extent possible without compromising the safety and security of the living area.
- B. Staff supervising minors of the opposite sex are expected to perform all procedures and duties except as limited below.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. Advise the minors at the beginning of the shift that you will be making routine room checks and may indirectly supervise bathroom activities. Ask that they advise you when they intend to disrobe, and avoid direct supervision during that time.
- B. Staff members supervising minors of the opposite sex may not directly supervise showers, use of the toilet, or body searches.
- C. **Do not** be in an isolated area alone with a minor of the opposite sex, **and ensure** your coworkers and/or other minors can see you at all times.
- D. In the case of a clear emergency involving the threat of serious injury, staff of either sex will be expected to intervene to prevent such injury without regard to sexual differences.
- E. In cases where a minor's clothes must be cut off or physically removed due to security/suicide issues, staff members of the opposite sex shall be relieved if at all possible, except in exigent circumstances as noted in Section D.

REFERENCES:

Policy: C-5 Work Assignments

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