

HOUSING CLASSIFICATION OF YOUTH AT JUVENILE HALL

AUTHORITY:	California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 210, 707(b), and 885 California Penal Code (PC) 667.5 and 1192.7 Administrative Directive California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 1352 and 1352.5
RESCINDS:	Procedure Manual Item 3-2-005, dated August 12, 2013 (Major Revision)
FORMS:	None
PURPOSE:	To establish system for housing assignments of detained youth.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. All youth accepted into custody are initially held and processed through the Intake Release Center (IRC), and then transferred to an initial housing unit. In general, youth will be housed in the Male Orientation Unit and female youth in the Female Orientation Unit. **Housing determinations should be made that best meets the youth's individual needs and promotes the youth's well-being. When making classification and housing decisions, IRC staff will consider the following:**
1. Providing for the personal safety of the youth, **other youth, facility staff, and the public by placing youth in the appropriate, least restrictive housing and program settings.**
 2. **Facility populations and physical design of the facility.**
 3. Age.
 4. Sophistication.
 5. Emotional stability.
 6. Program needs.
 7. Legal status including court ordered "no contact" orders and separation of co-defendants on new petitions.
 8. Public safety considerations.
 9. Medical/mental health considerations.
 10. Gender and gender identity.
- B. Youth shall not be separated from the general population or be assigned to a single occupancy room based solely on the youth's actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation,

gender identify, gender expression, mental or physical disability, or HIV status. However, this does not prohibit staff from placing youth in a single occupancy room at the youth's request.

- C. **Staff shall not consider lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning or intersex identification or status as an indicator of likelihood of being sexually abusive. Please refer to *PMI 3-1-055 LGBTQI Youth: Intake, Housing, and PREA Considerations* and *PMI 3-2-011 Intake* for required assessments and consideration when processing gender nonconforming youth.**
- D. **Specific to transgender or intersex youth, staff may not automatically house youth according to their external anatomy, and shall document the reasons for any decision to house youth in a unit that does not match their gender identity. In making a housing decision, staff shall consider the youth's preferences, as well as any recommendations from the youth's health or behavioral health provider.**
- E. Youth who weigh 85 pounds or less **shall not be housed in Units Y and Z.**
- F. Youth presenting psychiatric issues or coming directly from a psychiatric facility should be housed in the designated mental health unit upon entry after consultation with the unit Supervising Juvenile Correctional Officer (SJCO) or Duty Officer (DO).
- G. **IRC-staff shall consult with the unit SJCO or DO regarding any situation that would require a youth to bypass the normal intake procedure and be immediately placed in a specialized housing unit (e.g. high security).**
- H. As facility population fluctuates, operational changes may necessitate the opening and closing of units to accommodate the needs of the facility.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. Before making transfers to a living unit from the Orientation Unit(s) or the IRC, unit staff will review the institutional file and Institutional Case Management System (ICMS) and review the youth's current classification, prior custodial status and behavior to ensure the pending housing destination is appropriate.
- B. In general, youth will be housed in one of the following units, based on facility needs and the individual needs of each youth:
 - 1. General housing for male youth.
 - 2. General housing for female youth.
 - 3. High Security Unit for youth pending allegations enumerated in WIC 707(b), PC 667.5, or PC 1192.7.
 - 4. Mental health unit for youth with severe or persistent mental health issues or youth in need of protective custody.
 - 5. When supported by the population, specialty units for youth previously or currently charged with sex offenses.

C. Supervisors' Responsibilities

Supervisors will review classification and housing determination as follows:

1. Within 48 hours or as soon as possible following intake.
2. After Detention Hearing.
3. After Pre-trial Hearing.
4. Periodic Review of classification based on unit behavior and progress towards treatment goals while in the facility.
5. Whenever an investigation occurs that may impact the status.
6. After disposition.
7. Prior to release or transfer.

REFERENCES:

Procedures:	1-4-123	Prevention, Detection, Reporting and Response to Incidents of Sexual Abuse, Harassment and Misconduct in Juvenile Facilities (PREA)
	3-1-030	Returning Youth to Juvenile Hall/Other Camp - Medical Holds, Courtesy Holds, Administrative Removals, Psych Holds
	3-1-055	LGBTQI Youth: Intake, Housing, Classification, and PREA Considerations
	3-1-106	Deaths, Serious Suicide Attempts and Other Serious Incidents Related to Youths in Custody
	3-1-303	Special Incident Reports
	3-1-401	Health Care Procedures
	3-1-404	Referral of Youth to Mental Health
	3-2-002	Prevention and Control of Inappropriate Behavior
	3-2-011	Intake
	3-2-013	Juvenile Hall Codes
	3-2-017	Opening/Closing Units
	3-2-020	Security
	3-2-037	Extreme Security Risk Criteria and Housing
	3-2-110	Soft-Leather Restraints/Tubes
Policy:	A-2	Upholding Departmental Philosophy and Principles

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