

Title: A 115.315 Agency Limits to Cross Gender Viewing and Searches

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Purpose: To ensure the sexual safety of facility(ies) inmates and staff through a comprehensive agency wide approach to prevention, detection and response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in all facilities operated or contracted by the Ninth Judicial District Court (aka Agency).

Policy: The Agency and its Facilities shall not conduct cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches (meaning a search of the anal or genital opening) except in exigent circumstances or when performed by medical practitioners.

Procedure:

I. GENERAL

- A. Each Agency Facility shall create a Standard Operating Procedure consistent with this policy.

II. LIMITS TO CROSS GENDER VIEWING AND SEARCHES

- A. The facility shall implement procedures which enable youth to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks.
- B. Such policies and procedures shall require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering a youth housing unit.
- C. If facility does contain discrete housing units, staff of the opposite gender shall be required to announce their presence when entering an area where youth are likely to be showering, performing bodily functions, or changing clothing.
- D. No staff member, including medical staff, may physically examine the genital area of a transgender or intersex youth solely to determine the sex of the youth.
- E. The facility shall not conduct cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches except in exigent circumstances, or when conducted by a medical professional and in the presence of a secondary same-gendered as the youth being searched or preferred-gendered staff.
- F. Cross-gender pat-down searches are prohibited, except in exigent circumstances, and shall be documented.
- G. The preferred gender for searches made by a transgender or intersex youth via the Statement of Search Preference Form shall not constitute a cross-gender pat-down search or an exigent circumstance for a cross-gender pat-down search.

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1. If a transgender or intersex youth marks 'No Preference' on this form, the youth shall be searched by the same gender of staff as the youth's gender identity, per guidance from NRS 62B.212.

- H.** Staff shall be trained, at hire and annually, in conducting cross-gender, intersex, or transgender pat-down searches in a respectful manner and in the least intrusive manner as possible, per NAC 62B.085 2(e).

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