

5-08/020.00 Custody Safety Screening Program (B-SCAN)

The B-SCAN is a pass-through safety screening system that is capable of revealing contraband secreted in clothing as well as inside body cavities without the need to remove an inmate's clothing, curtailing the supply of contraband entering custody facilities and providing additional privacy during intake and routine searches. Instituting this safety screening program in Custody Services Division facilities should reduce the amount of contraband that goes undetected.

The B-SCAN is intended to replace the need to perform routine visual body cavity searches of newly-booked inmates and court returnees. **Pre-arraigned inmates have no exemption from the safety screening process.**

B-SCAN searches shall be conducted on all new bookings, court returnees, or any other inmates that have already been through the booking process, arriving at facilities equipped with scanners.

In an effort to reduce contraband, inmates may also be screened on a routine basis or when personnel have a suspicion that an inmate may be concealing **any** form of contraband.

REFUSAL PROCEDURES

Inmates who refuse to be screened shall be separated and a sergeant shall be requested. The following procedures shall be adhered to:

Pre-arraigned felony inmates:

Once a sergeant is present, a visual body cavity search shall be conducted on pre-arraigned **felony** inmates who refuse to be screened. Inmates who refuse to submit to a visual body cavity search are subject to "major violation" disciplinary procedures per Custody Division Manual (CDM) section 5-09/030.00, "Disciplinary Guidelines." An inmate who becomes recalcitrant during any part of the screening or subsequent searching process shall be handled as described in CDM section 7-02/020.00, "Handling Insubordinate, Recalcitrant, Hostile, or Aggressive Inmates."

Pre-arraigned misdemeanor and infraction inmates:

Pre-arraigned **misdemeanor and infraction** inmates **shall not** be subjected to a visual body cavity search based upon refusal alone. The act of declining the screening option does not meet the "*individualized suspicion and articulable facts*" required to authorize the visual body cavity search of a pre-arraigned **misdemeanor or infraction** inmate. If "*individualized suspicion and articulable facts*" exist, custody personnel may only perform a visual body cavity search upon completion of a "Strip Search Authorization Record" (SH-R-399) with approval from the watch commander.

Inmates who have already been arraigned shall be handled the same as the pre-arraigned **felony** inmates described above.

Inmates confined to wheelchairs or with crutches who cannot physically stand for the screening process, as

well as those inmates too physically large to pass through the machine or unable to stand still for the duration of the safety screening process, shall be searched as described in CDM section 5-08/010.00, "Searches." Medical personnel shall be consulted if there is any question as to whether or not an inmate can be screened.

Inmates who are known to be pregnant shall not be screened. Inmates who are unsure of their pregnancy status may request a pregnancy test from Correctional Health Services (CHS) personnel. Pregnant inmates shall be subject to visual body cavity searches in lieu of the B-SCAN safety screening process.

B-SCAN screening systems are for use on inmates only. No other persons shall be asked or ordered to submit to be scanned under any circumstances. Custody personnel may **voluntarily** submit to a screening in order to test the function of the machine, instruct in its use, and/or demonstrate if or how concealed items appear on the display.

B-SCAN safety screenings do not preclude custody personnel from continuing thorough and routine searches as needed to maintain a safe and secure jail environment. Custody personnel shall continue to conduct routine contraband searches of all inmates and their environments.

B-SCAN OPERATORS

All B-SCAN screening system operators shall be trained by Custody Training and Standards Bureau (CTSB), or their designee(s), in the operation of the system and how to identify contraband on the display screens. Custody assistants will be the primary operators of B-SCAN equipment. However, deputies may occasionally be requested to operate B-SCAN equipment. Deputies will primarily staff the B-SCAN security positions. Custody assistants may, on occasion, be placed in the security positions under the supervision of sworn personnel.

Personnel who have not been formally trained on the operation of the B-SCAN screening system or personnel who are pregnant, shall not operate the system. Any other exceptions shall be the decision of the on-duty watch commander. If a trained operator is not available, visual searching procedures shall be utilized.

B-SCAN screening operators, and any personnel in a position to directly observe the B-SCAN display, shall be of the same gender as the inmate being screened.

A video camera shall be permanently stored at each B-SCAN screening system for use when an inmate becomes recalcitrant. At the beginning of each shift, the B-SCAN operator shall inspect the camera to make sure it functions, the battery is full, and recording media are available and have sufficient storage space.

RADIATION DETECTION BADGES (DOSIMETERS)

The amount of x-ray exposure from B-SCAN screening systems is extremely low. The x-ray exposure from a single pass through the system is equivalent to about three minutes of flying in an aircraft at 30,000 feet. In addition, no x-ray radiation reaches beyond the safety zones clearly marked around the base of the system or through the side panels to reach the operator(s).

In an effort to ensure operators are not exposed to radiation, dosimeters shall be issued by the custody facility's training unit and shall be worn at the neck/chest level. Dosimeters shall be regularly exchanged and evaluated as per manufacturer specifications. Personnel shall register their dosimeter with Mirion

Technology's "My Dosimeter Report" dosimeter monitoring site. This site provides the user with their current exposure readings as well as year to date and lifetime readings. Acceptable exposure limits established by the State of California are made available in this report. Any employee whose exposure exceeds the acceptable levels shall immediately notify their direct supervisor. Each facility unit commander shall designate a sergeant as their "Radiation Safety Officer" (RSO). The RSO shall review each quarterly report for their facility and immediately notify personnel of any excessive exposure.

Dosimeters shall be stored in the employee's locker when not in use. All dosimeter records shall be kept in compliance with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements listed in Regulatory Guide 8.4.

EQUIPMENT REPAIR

Requests for service shall be made by the facilities by calling the B-SCAN vendor, [REDACTED TEXT]. When a request for service has been made to the vendor, notification shall be made to Custody Support Services via telephone or email.

FOUND CONTRABAND

Discovery of contraband found as a result of the B-SCAN screening shall be reported in a memorandum to the respective division chief.

UNIT ORDERS

Each facility utilizing screeners shall generate a unit order describing when and where inmates shall be screened, the staffing requirements to do so safely, and the logistical considerations pertaining to their facility. Unit orders shall be written with the understanding that the goal is to screen all inmates entering the custody facility where B-SCANS are installed.