

## 5-05/020.00 Inmate Wristband Count

All custody facilities shall conduct a daily inmate wristband count during [REDACTED TEXT]. When conducting a wristband count, wristbands shall be compared to facility records (e.g. Automated Justice Information System [AJIS] printouts) to verify inmates' names and booking numbers and that inmates are in their assigned housing location. **Personnel shall verify that every inmate is secured in their assigned cell (or on their assigned bunk for dormitory environments).** If an inmate is not in their assigned cell and/or bunk during inmate wristband count, custody personnel shall escort them back to their assigned cell and/or bunk prior to submitting the count for that housing location. Depending on the reason the inmate was in the wrong location, the inmate may be considered "roaming" and be subject to disciplinary action.

During inmate wristband count, wristbands shall be examined for legibility, proper fit, and for signs of fraying or tampering by touching and tugging on the wristband. Facilities should be placed on "lockdown" or "modified lockdown" status to expedite an accurate count, while providing maximum security and safety of personnel.

### Damaged, Illegible, or Missing Wristband

If a wristband is found to be damaged to the point of being illegible or missing, the inmate shall be escorted from their housing area and kept away from all other inmates until they have been positively identified and have received a new wristband.

If the wristband has become worn due to normal wear, and the inmate's name and booking number are still legible, a new wristband may be made and placed on the inmates left wrist without fingerprinting them for positive identification.

When an inmate has been found to have an illegible, damaged, altered, or missing wristband, they shall be positively identified before being provided with a replacement wristband. This shall be accomplished by fingerprinting the inmate using a Live Scan machine or mobile fingerprint scanner (refer to Custody Division Manual (CDM) section 5-05/020.05 "Mobile Fingerprint Scanners"), if available on site. Once the inmate's identity has been confirmed, a new wristband may be made and placed on the inmate's left wrist.

Facilities not having a Live Scan or mobile fingerprint scanner available shall have the inmate transported to the nearest unit with such a device or the Inmate Reception Center (IRC) for positive identification and re-banding.

Before transporting the inmate for positive identification, verify the name and booking number given by the inmate using AJIS and the Los Angeles County Regional Identification System (LACRIS), if available. If the information matches, place a temporary wristband on the inmate's left wrist with their name, booking number, and the designation "IRC - POS ID" on it. The unit establishing the inmate's identification shall replace the wristband when a positive identification of the inmate has been established.

---