

3-07-010 Safety, Security, Perimeter and Fire Prevention Checks



PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish procedures regarding safety, security, and fire prevention checks of inmates and their housing areas within Men's Central Jail (MCJ).

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order shall apply to all personnel assigned to, and/or working at MCJ.

ORDER:

The frequency of the safety checks will vary based on the classification of inmates as well as the type of housing unit. Visual checks shall be accomplished by physically walking the entire interior walkway of each row or dorm and/or any other area within MCJ where inmates are permanently or temporarily housed, including, but not limited to dayrooms, laundry rooms, Cell 40, and other holding areas.

The Title 15 compliance and safety check officers are responsible for and shall personally conduct the safety, security, and fire prevention checks. The Title 15 compliance officer may be assisted by additional personnel

if officer safety concerns arise.

Safety and security checks shall consist of the following:

- Look at the inmate(s) for signs of life (e.g., breathing, talking, movement, etc.) and obvious signs of distress (e.g., bleeding, trauma, visible injury, choking, difficulty breathing, discomfort, etc.). Personnel shall conduct these checks by looking into rooms/cells and by entering the dormitories of inmate housing areas, visually inspecting each inmate, and inspecting the general area.
- Should there be any doubt regarding an inmates' condition, personnel shall attempt to elicit a response from the inmate. If unable to elicit a response from the inmate, a sergeant and medical staff shall be requested. The sergeant and medical staff shall respond to the location and conduct an assessment. Proper officer safety practices shall be observed at all times.
- If personnel encounter an inmate who they believe to be having a medical emergency, personnel may enter the cell without a sergeant present in order to assess and/or render medical aid.
- Verification of the security of the housing area or unit.
- Visual checks for any combustible or flammable materials in the housing area.
- Visual checks for any situation or obstruction which may hinder fire suppression.
- During the first hour of the shift, visual inspection of fire extinguishers, fire hoses, air packs, and any other safety related equipment in the work area.

(If the air packs or fire extinguishers display a low pressure reading, or if the date on the fire extinguisher's tag is more than one year old, notify the floor sergeant and document in the electronic Uniform Daily Activity Log [e-UDAL])

- Check for proper maintenance and operation of housing areas.

It shall be the responsibility of the Title 15 compliance and safety check officers conducting the safety, security, and fire checks to note, investigate, and/or take corrective action regarding any problems detected in any of the above listed areas.

Any deficiency requiring action by Facilities Services Bureau (FSB) shall be documented in the e-UDAL and a maintenance request submitted using the "Maximo Maintenance Request" link.

**SECURITY AND SAFETY CHECKS SHALL BE CONDUCTED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING
SCHEDULE:**

55 Minute Checks

All dorms and Education Based Incarceration (EBI) classrooms (including mess halls or any other areas where EBI activities are being conducted), except those listed which require more frequent checks, shall be checked every 55 minutes.

NOTE: 55 minute checks shall also be conducted in all temporary holding

areas with unobstructed visual observation (e.g., recreational rooms, dayrooms, etc.). Checks shall be conducted by the Title 15 compliance and safety check officers assigned to these areas.

25 Minute Checks

- Administrative segregation and protective custody cells.
- Discipline cells.
- All cell locations [REDACTED TEXT], and Hospital cells and rooms).

- Modules [REDACTED TEXT] should make every attempt to perform the security checks with a minimum of at least [REDACTED TEXT].

NOTE: If the Title 15 compliance officers or safety check officers are not able to conduct a security check, they shall notify the floor sergeant immediately. The floor sergeant shall then assign personnel to conduct the security check.

Supervisors' Responsibilities

Floor supervisors shall ensure checks for all modules, dorms, dayrooms, EBI classrooms (including mess halls or any other areas where EBI activities are being conducted), and/or any other temporary or permanent holding areas within MCJ, under their purview, are properly conducted and documented.

Exterior Perimeter Security Checks

The Watch Commander or the Watch Sergeant, on each shift, shall conduct at least one (1) perimeter security check during their shift. These checks shall consist of a walk along the perimeter of the facility to ensure all exterior gates, sliders, and doors are secure. Additionally, the check shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the integrity of the razor wire, a check for security breaches which may provide a means of escape, and other damage and/or vandalism to the exterior of the facility.

All perimeter security checks shall be logged in the Custody Watch Commander's Log.

Monthly Fire Inspection

Monthly Fire Inspections shall be conducted in compliance with Custody Division Manual 3-14/070.00 "Fire Prevention and Suppression." The floor supervising line deputy (SLD) shall inspect the fire exit doors monthly. Any mechanical defects in the doors or their locking mechanisms shall be immediately reported for repair to Facilities Services Bureau and Logistics personnel. The findings shall be logged on the inspection form. The stairwells and landings shall also be inspected for cleanliness and accumulation of debris.

The assigned SLD for each floor shall be responsible for completing the inspection and emailing the scanned file to the "MCJ – Monthly Fire Inspection" email group. The monthly inspection shall be completed and submitted before the end of the first week of each month.

The files will be tracked and stored in the Men's Central Jail shared files by Logistics personnel. It shall be the responsibility of the Logistics sergeant to maintain a file of the inspection forms for two (2) years and to ensure that repairs or cleaning requests are completed.

Monthly Facility Security Inspection

It shall be the responsibility of the Operations Lieutenant to ensure a facility security inspection is conducted at least once per month. Any inadequacy shall be remedied immediately.

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