

5-11/017.00 Exchange of Inmate Clothing for Suicide Prevention Gowns

PURPOSE OF ORDER

The purpose of this order is to establish procedures for the exchange of inmate personal clothing and jail issued inmate clothing for a department approved suicide prevention gown within the Inmate Reception Center (IRC).

SCOPE OF ORDER

This order shall apply to all personnel assigned to and/or working in any capacity at IRC.

ORDER

Custody personnel assigned to IRC shall be responsible for adhering to the following procedures when an inmate is classified or deemed to be suicidal by Department of Mental Health (DMH) Staff.

When an inmate arrives at the booking front location and states during the first triage process, he is suicidal, he shall be expedited (3 pointed) to the clinic within a reasonable timeframe.

Booking front personnel shall not provide the inmate with a suicide prevention gown. The inmate will be provided with county issued inmate clothing, county issued shoes and retrained.

The inmate shall be escorted to the IRC Clinic Mental Health Processing Area (MHPA) where he will continue the medical process. Once processing has been completed, a courtesy notification shall be made to the housing destination for the inmate.

Thereafter the inmate shall be expedited and escorted directly to the designated housing location.

Custody personnel shall attempt to exchange the jail issued clothing for a suicide prevention gown before escorting them to their respective housing location. Custody personnel shall not place an inmate into a suicide prevention gown prior to being classified as an "S" by members of DMH staff. This changeout should be conducted inside Cell 121 at the IRC Clinic.

SUICIDE PREVENTION GOWN REFUSALS

If an inmate refuses to exchange the jail issued clothing for a suicide prevention gown, a sergeant shall be called to evaluate the situation. If the sergeant is unsuccessful with the exchange of clothing into a suicide prevention gown, the watch commander shall be notified. The watch commander will ensure the sergeant has exhausted all possibilities to gain the inmate's compliance with the clothing exchange. If the exchange of clothing into a suicide prevention gown is unsuccessful, a notification to the TTCF watch commander shall be made by the IRC watch commander to inform them of the suicidal inmate who will arrive in jail issued clothing.

SUICIDE PREVENTION GOWN LOCATION

The main supply of suicide prevention gowns shall be maintained in the IRC Clinic Cell 121. To reduce delay in expediting suicidal inmates, Logistics personnel assigned to the clothing/laundry duty shall be responsible for ordering and maintaining an adequate number of suicide prevention gowns in the clinic for the facility.

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