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		Title: Searches of Offenders		Adopted: 12-1-1982 Reviewed: 1-29-2010 Next Review: 1-29-2012

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POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Idaho Board of Correction that the Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC) and its contractors establish and maintain procedures for conducting searches of offenders and their institutional living areas in order to maintain security and the orderly operation of the institutions.

It is also the policy of the Board that in order to monitor compliance with the conditions of an offender's probation or parole, searches conducted by the Division of Community Corrections include, but not be limited to, persons, residences, vehicles, and other personal property.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to communicate the Board's philosophy regarding searches of offenders, their living areas and/or places of residence, and their personal property.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all procedures created under the authority of this policy and to all employees of the IDOC.

RESPONSIBILITY

The director of the IDOC and the chiefs of the divisions of Prisons and Community Corrections are responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and the development and implementation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) that provide guidance to staff conducting searches of offenders.

At a minimum, the SOPs must include the following guidelines:

- When it is necessary to conduct a clothed body search, an employee of either gender may conduct the search;
- When it is necessary to conduct an unclothed body search, an employee of the same gender as the offender must conduct the search (except during an emergency);

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- When it is necessary to conduct a body cavity search, the facility head must authorize a qualified health professional to conduct the search;
- If applicable, when it is necessary to conduct searches of an offender and his residences, vehicles, and other personal property; and
- Definitions of clothed body, unclothed body, and body cavity searches.

REFERENCES

None

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