

**JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET**  
**Department of Corrections**  
**(Amendment)**

**501 KAR 3:080. Sanitation; hygiene.**

RELATES TO: KRS 441.055

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 441.055

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 196.035 authorizes the secretary to promulgate administrative regulations necessary or suitable for the proper administration of the functions of the cabinet or any division in the cabinet. KRS 441.055 requires the Department of Corrections to promulgate administrative regulations establishing minimum standards for jails that house state prisoners. This administrative regulation establishes procedures to provide proper sanitation and hygiene in full-service jails.

Section 1. Procedures.

- (1) The jailer or jail administrator shall provide for the control of vermin and pests.
- (2) The jail shall provide for both solid and liquid waste disposal.
- (3) The jailer or jail administrator shall have a written preventative maintenance plan that includes:
  - (a) A cleaning schedule for various locations and items in the jail;
  - (b) A schedule for inspections by the jailer or jail administrator;
  - (c) A schedule for trash and garbage removal; and
  - (d) A schedule for periodic inspection and maintenance of specific mechanical equipment.
- (4) The jail shall have fresh air circulating within prisoner living and activity areas.
- (5) The jail shall furnish clean sanitized bedding to prisoners except in holding areas and unless it is determined to be detrimental to a particular prisoner. Issuance of bedding in detoxification shall be optional. Bedding shall include:
  - (a) One (1) mattress;
  - (b) One (1) blanket, if conditions require;
  - (c) Two (2) sheets;
  - (d) One (1) pillow, if not part of the mattress; and
  - (e) One (1) pillowcase, if applicable.
- (6) Prisoner bedding shall be cleaned on a regular basis according to the schedule established in this subsection.
  - (a) Sheets, pillowcases, and mattress cover shall be cleaned at least once per week and cleaned prior to reissue to the next prisoner.
  - (b) Blankets shall be laundered upon reissue or quarterly, whichever is sooner.
  - (c) Mattresses and pillows shall be cleaned quarterly and cleaned prior to reissue to the next prisoner.
- (7) Each prisoner shall be issued a clean jail uniform and towel upon admission to a prisoner living area. If a prisoner does not have undergarments upon admission, then the jail shall issue them. Jail uniforms, undergarments, and towels shall be laundered at least twice weekly and laundered prior to reissue to the next prisoner. Prisoners shall not be required to be without a clean uniform, undergarment, or towel while laundry is being processed.
- (8) Each female prisoner shall be issued an appropriate number of undergarments upon admission.
- (9) All floors, toilets, and sinks in the jail shall be cleaned daily or more often as necessary.
- (10) All showers shall be cleaned on at least a weekly basis.

(11)

(a) All prisoners assigned to prisoner living areas shall be issued or permitted to obtain the following hygienic items:

1. Soap;
2. Toothbrush;
3. Toothpaste; and
4. Toilet paper.

(b) Indigent prisoners shall be furnished these items by the jail.

(12) All prisoners shall be permitted to shave a minimum of two (2) times per week. Communal razors shall not be used. A sanitized electric razor may be substituted with jailer or jail administrator approval.

(13) Prisoners assigned to prisoner living areas shall be issued an adequate number of sanitary supplies, if applicable.

(14) Hair cutting services or sanitized hair cutting equipment shall be available to all prisoners.

(15) All prisoners shall be provided shower facilities within twenty-four (24) hours of admission. Prisoners shall be permitted to shower daily unless there is a documented security risk.

(16) All prisoners in the jail shall be provided with hot and cold running water in showers and lavatories.

(9 Ky.R. 644; eff. 3-2-1983; Am. 13 Ky.R. 687; eff. 11-11-1986; 20 Ky.R. 2135; 2624; eff. 3-14-1994; 31 Ky.R. 1556; 1796; eff. 5-26-2005; 34 Ky.R. 1183; 1964; eff. 3-7-2008; 2952; 38 Ky.R. 574; eff. 10-7-2011; 42 Ky.R. 1948; 2342; eff. 3-4-2016; 50 Ky.R. 1954; eff. 9-3-2024.)

*The Jail Standards Review Commission established pursuant to KRS 441.055(1)(b) has approved the standards in this administrative regulation at its meeting on January 8, 2024, prior to its filing with the Legislative Research Commission in compliance with KRS 13A.120(3), 13A.220(6)(a), and 441.055(2).*

*COOKIE CREWS, Commissioner*

APPROVED BY AGENCY: February 6, 2024

FILED WITH LRC: February 15, 2024 at 8:50 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD:** A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on April 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, 125 Holmes Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing was received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through April 30, 2024. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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