

JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET
Department of Corrections
(Amendment)

501 KAR 7:080. Sanitation; hygiene.

RELATES TO: KRS 441.045, 441.055

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 196.035, 197.020, 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(1) requires the Department of Corrections to promulgate administrative regulations establishing minimum standards for jails that house state prisoners. This administrative regulation establishes procedures for proper sanitation and hygiene in restricted custody centers.

Section 1. Procedures.

- (1) The jailer shall provide for:
 - (a) The control of vermin and pests; and
 - (b) Both solid and liquid waste disposal.
- (2) The jailer shall have a written preventative maintenance plan which includes schedules for:
 - (a) Cleaning various specified locations and items in the center;
 - (b) Inspections by the jailer;
 - (c) Trash and garbage removal; and
 - (d) Periodic inspection and maintenance of specified mechanical equipment.
- (3) The center shall have fresh, purified air circulating within each prisoner living and activity area.
- (4) The center shall furnish clean, sanitized bedding to prisoners, including:
 - (a) One (1) penal 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.
- (5) 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 another 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 another inmate.
- (6) Each prisoner shall be issued a clean towel. Towels shall be laundered at least twice weekly and laundered prior to reissue to another inmate. Prisoners shall not be required to be without a towel while laundry is being processed.
- (7) Provisions shall be made for laundering prisoner clothing at least twice weekly. Prisoners shall not be required to be without clean clothing while laundry is being processed.
- (8) Floors, toilets, and sinks shall be cleaned daily or more often as necessary.
- (9) Showers shall be cleaned on at least a weekly basis.
- (10)
 - (a) Prisoners shall be issued or permitted to obtain the following hygienic items:
 1. Soap;
 2. Toothbrush;

3. Toothpaste; and

4. Toilet paper.

(b) An indigent prisoner shall be furnished these items by the center.

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

(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 approval.

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

(14) All prisoners shall be provided shower facilities within twenty-four (24) hours of admission. Prisoners shall be permitted to shower daily.

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

(13 Ky.R. 823; eff. 11-11-1986; Am. 26 Ky.R. 181; Am. 27 Ky.R. 91; eff. 7-17-2000; 31 Ky.R. 1575; 1807; eff. 5-26-2005; 34 Ky.R. 1193; 1972; eff. 3-7-2008; 37 Ky.R. 2981; 38 Ky.R. 588; eff. 10-7-2011; 42 Ky.R. 1967; 2352; eff. 3-4-2016; 50 Ky.R. 1966; 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 August 15, 2023, 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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