
Control of Vermin and Ecto-Parasites in Youths' Personal Clothing

1022.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose is to establish and implement written policy and site-specific procedures to control the contamination and/or the spread of vermin and ecto-parasites in all youths' personal clothing. This policy applies to all juvenile facility staff.

1022.2 AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES

- Board of State and Community Corrections Title 15 § 1484

1022.3 POLICY

Infested clothing shall be cleaned or stored in a closed container so as to eradicate or stop the spread of the vermin and ecto-parasites.

1022.4 PREVENTION

All juvenile facility staff shall follow universal precautions by using gloves at all times when handling possible infectious/contaminated material.

All youth shall have their personal clothing stored pursuant to Juvenile Facility Services Policy; Personal Property.

1022.5 RESPONSE

Any personal item that may have vermin and ecto-parasites shall be placed in a bag and tied. The bag shall be labeled with the youth's name and client identification number (CID).

Items that are suspected of being contaminated/infectious shall be delivered in a sealed bag, clearly marked on the outside indicating the type of contamination, to the facility's laundry personnel for cleaning.

If the contaminated items cannot be cleaned or recovered, they shall be stored in a closed container until the youth is released. Prior to release, the detention control officer (DCO) shall contact the youth's parents/legal guardians in order to facilitate a clothing exchange.

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