RESPONSIBILITY FOR REVIEW: **Associate Warden Custody, Housing, and Program Services**
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PROCEDURE NUMBER AND TITLE
254 INMATE ACCESS TO CONDOMS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to provide access to condoms, free of charge, to female inmates in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation state prisons, in accordance with Penal Code (PC) 6500. Specifically, condoms will be available for female inmates to access in Receiving and Release (R&R) upon release from the Institution. Additionally, condoms will be placed in the nightstand drawers of each Family Visiting (FV) (Overnight) apartments. Condom access for the female inmates is to help protect their health and welfare and reduce the possibility of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus and other sexually transmitted infections.

REFERENCES

- California PC, Sections 286(e), 288a(e), and 6500
- California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 15, Sections 3005(a), (b), and (d), 3006, 3007, 3190, and 3287(a)(4)
- Department Operations Manual (DOM), Section 54020.33.15, Authorized Property for Family Visiting

RESPONSIBILITY

The Warden has overall responsibility for all Institutional procedures. The Chief Deputy Warden has delegated preparation responsibility to the four institutional division heads. The department heads of each division are directly responsible for compliance with the operational procedures in their areas of responsibility. This procedure is the direct responsibility of the Associate Warden Custody, Housing, and Program Services.

POLICY STATEMENTS

METHODS

Condom Procedure Awareness

Staff shall be informed of the condom access procedure during New Employee Orientation and provided On-the-Job training on post or via Off-Post Training as needed. All staff are expected to maintain professionalism and refrain from discussion of specific inmates' possession of condoms unless there is a legitimate penological requirement for the discussion.

Inmates Authorized to Possess Condoms

Only inmates with authorized overnight family visiting will have access to condoms in the FV apartment via this procedure. No inmate shall be allowed to possess condoms within the Institution outside of the FV apartment.

Inmate Condom Access

Condoms shall be placed in the nightstand drawers in each FV apartment. Any inmates in possession of condoms outside of the FV apartment shall have the condoms confiscated and disposed of, and a cell search receipt left in accordance with CCR, Title 15, Section 3287(a)(4) Cell, Property and Body Inspections. Inmates may be subject to a Rules Violation Report for possession of contraband in accordance with CCR, Title 15, Section 3006, Contraband.

Visitors shall still be permitted to bring in up to ten condoms for FV in accordance with DOM, Section 54020.33.15, Authorized Property for Family Visiting.

A condom dispenser shall be placed in R&R for inmates to access upon release from the Institution. Inmates may take approximately ten condoms upon release.

Responsibility for maintaining and refilling the FV apartment nightstand drawers and the condom dispenser in R&R shall be assigned to each area's inmate porter.

Camp Inmate Condom Access

Camp inmates shall have condom access if participating in an overnight family visit. Condoms shall be placed in the nightstand drawers of each FV apartment and provided during parole processing.

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