

_____ COUNTY DETENTION CENTER
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Chapter	15	IPREA	Policy # 15.5
Subject	5	Screening for Risk of Sexual Victimization and Abusiveness	
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Policy:

The _____ County Detention Center shall assess inmates to determine their risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness. During the booking and initial classification process, efforts will be made to identify and segregate youthful and/or vulnerable adult inmates, and potential victims and known predators.

Purpose:

With this policy, the _____ County Detention Center has established practices that will ensure that the information obtained will be used to effectively monitor and manage inmates in their housing, bed, work and program assignments. The classification officer will review (as needed) potential perpetrators and victims of sexual misconduct to ensure appropriate and safe housing.

References:

Idaho Jail Standards, Chapter 12
IPREA Standards §115.41 to §115.43

Procedures:

§115.41 – Screening for Risk of Victimization and Abusiveness

Within 72 hours of being booked, a sexual violence, victim/perpetrator screening will be conducted to determine an inmate's risk of being sexually abused by other inmates, or, if they are at risk for being sexually abusive toward other inmates.

A re-assessment screening will be conducted by _____ (Put here who will do this in your agency. Ex: IPREA Coordinator, Classification Officer, Medical, etc.) within 30 days after booking and as necessary in response to alleged incident(s) of sexual abuse.

Inmates shall not be disciplined for refusing to answer or for not disclosing complete information in response to any questions asked as part of screening for risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness.

The screening for potential victims shall include:

- (1) Whether the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability;
- (2) The age of the inmate;
- (3) The physical build of the inmate;
- (4) Whether the inmate has previously been incarcerated;
- (5) Whether the inmate's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent;
- (6) Whether the inmate has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child;
- (7) Whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming;
- (8) Whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization;
- (9) The inmate's own perception of vulnerability; and
- (10) Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes.

The screening for potential perpetrators will include:

- (1) Prior convictions for violent felonies;
- (2) Prior convictions for sex offenses;
- (3) Prior violent acts in custody;
- (4) Prior incidents of sexual abuse in custody.

The _____ Detention Center shall ensure the sensitive assessment information is not exploited to the inmate's detriment by staff or other inmates and that any documents obtained from the assessment are secured in a manner recommended by the IPREA Coordinator. Any staff or inmate who uses the information to the inmate's detriment will face disciplinary action

§115.42 - Use of Screening Information

The information from the assessment shall be used to inform housing, bed, work, and programming assignments with the goal of keeping separate those inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive.

When an inmate is identified as possibly being at risk, Classification, detention deputies, and other appropriate facility personnel are notified to determine an appropriate housing assignment and to take any other necessary safety and security measures.

In determining housing and programming assignments for Transgender or Intersex inmates to male or female accommodations, the Classification Officer shall consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the inmate's health and safety, and whether the placement would present operational management, security, and/or mental health services problems. A Transgender or Intersex inmate's own views with respect to his or her own safety shall be given serious consideration.

Placement and programming assignments for each Transgender or Intersex inmate shall be reassessed at least monthly to review any threats to the inmate's safety.

Transgender and Intersex inmates shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates.

The _____ Detention Center shall not place lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex (LGBTI) inmates in dedicated facilities, housing units, or cells solely on the basis of such identification or status, unless such placement is in a dedicated facility, housing unit, or cell established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting such inmates.

When an inmate is placed in a dedicated facility, housing unit, or cell, the agency will document the valid reasons why that placement is necessary.

§115.43 - Protective Custody

The _____ Detention Center shall not place inmates who have been classified as high risk for sexual victimization in an involuntary restrictive housing cell unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made prior to doing so, and, it is determined that there is no other available alternative means of separation from likely abusers.

If such an assessment cannot be conducted immediately, the inmate may be held in involuntary restrictive housing not to exceed a 24 hour period until such an assessment can be completed. Further, the _____ Detention Center shall assign such inmates to involuntary restrictive housing only until an alternative means of separation from likely abusers can be arranged, and this shall not ordinarily exceed a 30-day period.

Every 30 days, the _____ (Place here who will do this. Ex: IPREA Coordinator, Classification Officer, Jail Administrator, etc.) will review the status of the inmate to determine if there is a continuing need for separation from the general population.

Inmates who are placed in involuntary restrictive housing for protective custody under this section shall have access to programs, privileges, education, and work opportunities to the extent possible.

The _____ Detention Center shall adequately, clearly, and completely document the following facts if/when an inmate is assigned to an involuntary restrictive housing cell for the sole purpose of protective custody:

- (1) The basis for the facility's concern for the inmate's safety;
- (2) The reason why no alternative means of separation could be arranged;
- (3) The reason why/if the 30 day involuntary restrictive housing period is required to be extended;
- (4) Any restriction and/or limitations of access to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities have been imposed;
- (5) The duration of the restrictions/limitations to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities;
- (6) The reason for any restrictions/limitations to programs, privileges, education, or work opportunities.