

Policy: Security and Control Rule: Youth Search	Effective Date: 01/19/2015
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I. POLICY

(A) Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish requirements for search OYR Residents, their property, and resident rooms in order to detect contraband.

(B) Applicability

Requirements are consistent with OYR Policy Handbook and the Youth's New Resident handbook.

(C) Explanations of Terms Used

1. **Reasonable Belief** - a belief based on facts or circumstances sufficient to cause a reasonable person to believe that the person to believe it is more likely than not that the person to be searched has a prohibited item.
2. **Probable Cause** – a determination based on facts and circumstances that would cause a reasonably prudent person to believe it is more likely than not that the person to be searched has a prohibited item.

(D) Designated staff may conduct a search of an OYR resident or residents room in a residential facility other than that youth's home, for the purpose of finding and seizing contraband.

(E) Areas where youth are housed may be subject to be searched by the use of a canine teams.

(F) Room Searches and Pat Down Searches

Room searches deter possession of contraband or to protect persons may be conducted with or without probable cause so long as searched are conducted in a reasonable manner.

1. Room searches will be conducted in accordance with the following rules.
 - A. Room searches may be unannounced and irregularly timed.
 - B. Room searches are to be conducted at least twice a month, or as necessary to control possession by youth of unauthorized items or to recover missing or stolen property.
 - C. Two trained staff members must be in attendance for searches.

- D. Room searches are to be conducted in a professional manner. Staff shall not make jokes, conversation, or comments while conducting searches.
- E. Room searches will be documents on the Search Log form.
- F. The presence of the youth whose property is being searched is preferable for all room searches, but not required.

2. Pat Down Searches

- A. OYR does not conduct pat down searches.

(G) Strip Searches

OYR does not conduct strip searches.

(H) Physical Body Cavity Searches

OYR does not conduct physical body cavity searches.

II. MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

A. Process for Room Searches

- 1. Staff must document all room searches on the Search Log form.
- 2. Contraband, found during the room search must be documented on a KDOC Incident Report Form.

B. Process for Pat Down Searches

- 1. OYR does not conduct pat down searches.