**Agency/Facility Name**

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**Resident Privacy**

*\* Except in exigent circumstances*

**Pat and Strip Searches**

Searches help ensure facility safety and security. Searches can be traumatizing and need to be done professionally and respectfully.

* Conduct pat and strip searches consistent agency policy and procedures — variations in search practices cause confusion and distress for residents
* Know agency procedures for searching transgender residents
* Only pat and strip search residents of the same gender\*
* Explain what you are doing during searches, especially if there are signs of resident distress
* Do not joke or make off-topic comments during searches

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|  | ***NOTE: You must make an announcement each time you enter an opposite gender housing unit only when there are no other staff members of your gender present.*** |

Please keep in mind that you should:

* Use clear, professional language
* Speak loudly enough so you can be heard over noise and conversations
* Be respectful during sleeping hours so as not to wake up residents

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**Housing Unit Announcements**

Announcing the presence of opposite gender staff gives residents the opportunity to dress or cover themselves and maintain reasonable privacy.

**Reasonable Privacy Does Not Compromise Security**

A key part of your job is keeping residents and staff at our facility safe. While limits on residents’ privacy are a given, residents need a reasonable level of privacy to feel safe when they are showering, using the bathroom, or changing clothes. Balancing security and privacy is crucial to fostering a safe community for youth in detention.