

# KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Detentions Bureau Policies and Procedures

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**TITLE:** ISSUANCE AND EXCHANGE OF INCARCERATED PEOPLE CLOTHING AND LINEN **D-400**

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**REFERENCE:** Title 15, Section 1262 and 1271, C.C.R., Yeager vs Smith;  
DBPPM H-100, P-410, C-100, C-200

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### **POLICY**

Prior to housing incarcerated people, staff responsible for the dress-out process will issue each incarcerated person standardized incarcerated person clothing and linens, which will be clean and free of holes and tears, consisting of:

- Two pairs of pants;
- Two shirts;
- One thermal shirt;
- Two pairs of underwear;
- For female incarcerated people, one bra;
- Two pairs of socks;
- One pair of shower shoes;
- One mattress;
- One mattress cover;
- One bedroll consisting of a blanket, one sheet, and a towel.

Additionally, specific circumstances may warrant the substitution or addition of specific types of clothing:

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- Upon request, a female “class member”, as defined by Section H-100 of this manual, will be issued a pair of thermal pants in addition to the clothing described above.
- Transgender or intersex incarcerated people will be issued gender specific undergarments as approved by the Gender Identity Committee as provided in Section P-410 of this manual. Such approval will be documented in the incarcerated person’s JMS record.

The section manager may approve the temporary issuance of specific clothing or footwear as needed for specialized functions (for example, boots and jackets for outside work crews).

- The provision of clothing and/or bedding for incarcerated people on suicide watch or in the safety cell will be in accordance with the relevant sections of this manual (reference Sections C-100 and C-200).

When recommended by medical staff, the shift supervisor may approve an incarcerated person to wear specific clothing, footwear, or to use specific linen. Such approval will be documented in the incarcerated person’s medical record. Medical staff will enter the approval for such items into the incarcerated person’s JMS record.

### **Incarcerated person Clothing Color**

Issued clothing will be of the color designated for the facility in which the incarcerated person is housed, with the following exceptions:

- Incarcerated people incarcerated under a federal contract will be issued a **light blue shirt and dark blue pants**.
- Incarcerated people housed in the Admission, Evaluation, and Stabilization Centers (AES) will be issued **light green shirts and pants**.
- Incarcerated people identified by medical staff as being pregnant will be issued a **pink shirt** and pants of the color designated for the facility in which the incarcerated person is housed.

**Note:** Penal Code Section 4023.8(h) strictly prohibits the use of a TASER, Oleoresin Capsicum (pepper spray), or exposures to other chemical weapons on an incarcerated pregnant person. Sheriff’s Office policy extends this prohibition to include the Electronic Immobilization Shield (or Stun Shield). The issuance of

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a pink shirt to pregnant incarcerated people is to clearly identify them to staff during a situation in which the use of force may be required.

**Note:** If it becomes necessary to change the designated color(s) of clothing for a facility or for the exceptions listed above, the section manager authorizing the change will ensure that a training bulletin is distributed informing staff of the change.

**Exchange of Clothing and Linen**

Incarcerated people will be allowed to exchange their dirty clothing and linen for clean clothing and linen on a regular schedule in compliance with Title 15 guidelines. In addition, "Yeager class members" will be allowed to exchange their underwear on an as needed basis if their medical condition requires it.

At a minimum, incarcerated people will be allowed to exchange their dirty clothing and linen based on the following guidelines:

Undergarments and socks	Twice per week
Outer garments	Once per week
Sheets and towels	Once per week
Blankets	Once every 3 months

Each facility will develop and implement a written schedule in accordance with this policy.