

KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Detentions Bureau Policies and Procedures

TITLE: **INFESTED/CONTAMINATED CLOTHING & BEDDING** **D-600**

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Penal Code Section 6030, Health & Safety Code Part 14,
DBPPM Section D-200,

POLICY

Clothing and bedding infested with vermin such as lice or fleas or contaminated with human body waste or fluids generated within the Detentions Bureau will be processed in accordance with the procedures set forth in this policy.

DEFINITION(S):

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions will apply:

- **Saturated:** Soaked with visible liquid or contains large pieces of a substance.
- **Stained:** Discolored, marked, or smudged.

Procedure A: Yellow Hazardous Material Bag – Contents and Handling

The following items will be placed into a yellow hazardous material bag as detailed in this procedure:

- Jail clothing or linen that contains, or is believed to contain, vermin (lice, fleas, etc.).
- Jail clothing or linen that is stained with blood or other bodily substance.

Process such items as follows:

- Place the item in a water-soluble bag. Water-soluble bags are provided to each facility by the Inmate Services Section.

- Ensure the item being placed in the bag is dry enough to not dissolve the bag on contact. If item is wet, wrap it inside a dry laundry item such as a sheet prior to placing it inside the bag. Seal the bag with the pink tie attached to the top of the bag;
- Place the water-soluble bag inside a yellow hazardous material bag and tie the bag's opening in a knot. Then seal the yellow bag with tape above the knot;
- Place the yellow hazardous material bag in a clear plastic bag and tie the bag's opening in a knot. Then seal the clear bag with tape above the knot;
- Place the triple-bagged item in a dirty laundry cart to be delivered to the laundry facility to be laundered.

Procedure B: Red Hazardous Material Bag – Contents and Handling

The following items will be placed in a red hazardous material bag as detailed in this procedure:

- Jail clothing, linen, or other items that are saturated with blood, urine, or other bodily substance.

DIRECTIVE #1

Red bags containing hazardous material shall only be transported within a detentions facility in designated biohazard transport carts in accordance with the process below. The transport carts are intended for transportation within the facility and will not be used for storage purposes.

Process such items as follows:

- Place the contaminated item in a red hazardous waste bag and tie the bag's opening in a knot. Then seal the bag with tape above the knot;
- Place the red hazardous waste bag in a clear plastic bag and tie the bag's opening in a knot. Then seal the bag with tape above the knot;
- Locate the designated biohazard transport cart and bring it to the biohazard clean-up site.
- Place the double-bagged hazardous material in the biohazard transport cart. Transport the item via the cart outside the facility to the facility biohazard storage area.

- Remove the double-bagged hazardous material from the transport cart and place it in the facility biohazard storage container and lock it.
- Return the empty transport cart to the facility.

Procedure C: White Incarcerated Person Clothing Bag – Contents and Handling

The following items will be placed in a white incarcerated person clothing bag (onion sack) as detailed in this procedure:

- Incarcerated person's personal clothing that is infested with vermin (e.g., lice, fleas).
- Incarcerated person's personal clothing that is contaminated with blood or human body waste/ fluids.

Process such items as follows:

- Place the infested item in a clear plastic bag and tie the bag's opening in a knot. Then seal the bag with tape above the knot;
- Place the sealed clear plastic bag into a second clear plastic bag and tie the bag's opening in a knot. Then seal the bag with tape above the knot;
- Place the double-bagged item in a WHITE incarcerated person clothing bag (onion sack);
- Attach the appropriate tag to the bag to identify the type of infestation or contamination;
- Attach this bag to the incarcerated person's RED clothing bag (onion sack);
- When the incarcerated person is released from custody, remove the sealed, double-bagged item from the WHITE incarcerated person clothing bag, return the sealed bag to the incarcerated person, but do not allow them to open the sealed bag inside the Facility;
- If necessary, provide the incarcerated person with alternative clothing such as paper clothing.

DIRECTIVE #2

White incarcerated person clothing bags (onion sacks) will only be used for storage and identification of incarcerated person personal clothing that is infested with vermin or

contaminated with blood or human body waste/fluids.

Procedure D: Mattresses

If a mattress becomes contaminated with human body waste or fluids, or if a mattress is used by an incarcerated person who is released or transferred to another facility, it will be collected and sanitized before reissuance.

Decontaminate

- Inspect each mattress for damage, contamination, or excessive wear.
- Wash the mattress, ensuring the plastic cover remains intact, with the germicidal disinfectant cleaner provided by the Lerdo Warehouse;
- Ensure the mattress is scrubbed with soap and water to remove any residue;
- Allow mattresses to fully air dry before storage or reissuance to prevent mold or bacterial growth;
- Reissue the mattress only after confirming it is fully sanitized and in good condition;
- Return damaged or foam mattresses missing the plastic cover to Laundry for evaluation;
- Replace mattresses that are torn, excessively stained, or beyond repair with a new or refurbished mattress.

Procedure E: Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal

Staff assigned to collect hazardous waste from facility biohazard storage areas will:

- Collect all red hazardous waste bags and sharps containers from each Lerdo Facility and the Central Receiving Facility daily;
- Take the bags and sharps containers to the outside receiving area of Max-Med and place them in the designated biohazard disposal area;
- Adhere to the following procedures, as set forth by the contracted disposal company;
 - Each biohazard container must be labeled on all four sides and lid with

“biohazard” stickers;

- Each biohazard container must also have one white “Regulated Medical Waste Generator” label on the side, near the handle. This label contains the Sheriff’s Office contact information and a bar code;
- Each Biohazard waste container will be lined with a durable biohazard bag. This bag will be tied in a knot or taped closed. The bag will be completely enclosed under the containers’ lid. These bags will be ordered from the Lerdo Warehouse as needed;
- Containers and lids must be clean to meet regulatory requirements;
- Only properly labeled, rigid biohazard waste containers with lids will be used to collect and transport biohazard waste;
- Red bag waste will not be placed on the floor or on top of containers;
- Biohazard waste containers will not be overfilled;
- In the event of spillage or protrusion from a biohazard bag or container, the leakage will be immediately contained, and the contaminated area will be cleaned and disinfected per sections J and K of the Kern County Sheriff’s Office Exposure Control Plan.
- Biohazard waste with an odor will be removed immediately;
- The gated biohazard disposal area will remain locked at all times when not being accessed for disposal or pick up purposes;
- Sharps containers will be considered full when they are $\frac{3}{4}$ filled. Sharps containers will not be filled above the marked full line. The lid will be locked or taped shut prior to transport;
- Each sealed sharps container will be placed inside a provided biohazard box with red bag liner. The biohazard box will be sealed with tape.

DIRECTIVE #3

After pick-up of the biohazardous waste is complete and prior to exiting the Lerdo grounds, the driver for the contracted disposal company will contact the Inmate Services Section sergeant or designee and obtain a signature.