

## Intake Screening

### 2108.1 SCREENING PROCESS

At the time of booking or admission to any jail facility, Correctional Health Services (CHS) will perform a health screening procedure on the inmate. Inmates are examined in order to determine any health problems requiring immediate attention, and to determine if the individual needs any follow-up care. Information regarding the inmate's physical and mental status may be used to determine housing and activity restrictions.

- (a) A Correctional Health Services (CHS) staff member will make inquiries into the arrestees:
  - 1. Current illness and health problems, including dental problems,
  - 2. Communicable diseases.
  - 3. Medications taken and special health requirements.
  - 4. Use of alcohol and other drugs, which includes types of drugs used, mode of use, amounts used, frequency used, date or time of last use and a history of problems, which may have occurred after ceasing use (e.g., convulsions).
  - 5. Past and present treatment or hospitalization for mental illness or suicide.
  - 6. Other health problems.
- (b) Observations of:
  - 1. Behavior, which includes state of consciousness, mental status, appearance, conduct, tremor and sweating.
  - 2. Body deformities, trauma markings, bruises, lesions, jaundice, ease of movement, etc.
- (c) CHS staff will complete the Intake and Screening Triage form based upon their personal assessment and interview of the inmate.
- (d)
- (e) If the CHS staff member feels that based upon their observation an inmate needs to be housed in medical housing and cannot complete the booking process, they shall stamp the 
  - 1. In some instances an inmate may need to be expedited but may not require medical housing (e.g., late term pregnancies, insulin dependent diabetics, wheelchair bound, excessively obese or elderly and hospital returnees).
    - i. The Receiving Guard Station Deputy will assign an available Deputy to escort the inmate through each phase of the booking process (e.g., ID,

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shower, classification, etc.). After the inmate has been classified, the assigned Deputy will escort the inmate to their assigned housing location.

- (f) It is the responsibility of CHS to determine if an inmate is medically or mentally unsuitable for housing at a particular facility or specific housing area.
- (g) Inmates determined and confirmed by CHS to be pregnant shall be afforded certain rights in accordance with [CCOM Section 1604.6 - Pregnant Inmate Rights](#).
- (h) Pregnant inmates housed in multitier housing units shall be assigned lower bunk and lower tier housing.
- (i) Orthopedic or Prosthetic Appliance/Assistive Devices
  - 1. Inmates who enter any facility with orthopedic or prosthetic appliance for their personal use shall be allowed to retain the appliance based on the following:
    - i. Security check by custody staff will determine that the appliance does not contain contraband and does not constitute an immediate risk of bodily harm to any person in the facility or threatens the security of the facility.
    - ii. CHS is unable to provide an equivalent substitute for the appliance and will therefore return the appliance to the inmate after a security check of the appliance.
    - iii. The appliance has been deemed to be a reasonable accommodation by CHS.
- (j) Once all security checks are completed a CHS staff member will contact Classification staff for special housing requirements. CHS will follow established CHS procedure for documentation in the inmate's medical chart and complete a Miscellaneous Message Slip authorizing the use of the appliance.
- (k) Any orthopedic or prosthetic appliance that is brought into the facility by a family member or others shall go through a complete security check.
- (l) The department does not accept responsibility for damage to an orthopedic or prosthetic appliance caused by the inmate.
- (m) Any repair of an orthopedic or prosthetic appliance shall be the responsibility of the inmate, and the inmate shall make arrangements with CHS for repair.
- (n) Removal of Orthopedic or Prosthetic Appliances
  - 1. If custody staff believes that possession of the orthopedic or prosthetic appliance constitutes an immediate risk of bodily harm to any person in the facility or threatens the security of the facility, the Watch Commander will be notified. If the Watch Commander has probable cause to believe possession of such orthopedic or prosthetic appliance constitutes an immediate risk of bodily harm to any person in the facility or threatens the security of the facility, such appliance may be removed (Pen. Code § 2656(b)).
    - i. If such appliance is removed, the inmate shall be deprived of such appliance only during such time as the facts which constitute probable

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- cause for its removal continue to exist; if such facts cease to exist, then the Watch Commander shall return such appliance to the inmate.
- ii. When such appliance is removed, the inmate shall be examined by a physician within 24 hours after such removal.
  - iii. If the examining physician determines that removal is or will be injurious to the health or safety of the inmate, they shall inform the inmate and the Watch Commander.
  - iv. Upon receipt of the physician's opinion, the Watch Commander shall either return the appliance to the inmate or refuse to return the appliance to the inmate, informing the physician and inmate of the reasons for such refusal and promptly providing the inmate with an Orthopedic or Prosthetic Appliance Removal Petition Form.
- (o) Orthopedic or Prosthetic Appliance Removal/Petition To the Orange County Superior Court
1. The Watch Commander will provide the inmate with an Orthopedic or Prosthetic Appliance Removal/Petition Form by which the inmate may petition the Orange County Superior Court for return of the appliance.
  2. These forms are located on the intranet.
  3. When the inmate has signed the form, the Watch Commander shall promptly cause the completed form to be filed with the Orange County Superior Court.