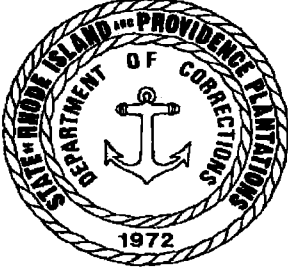
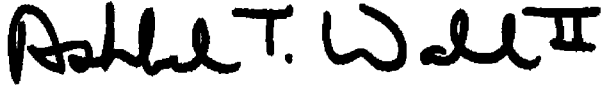


RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE

	POLICY NUMBER: 8.05-1 DOC	EFFECTIVE DATE: 05/26/03	PAGE 1 OF 2
	REPEALS: 8.05 DOC	DIRECTOR: Please use BLUE ink. 	
SECTION: PHYSICAL PLANT		SUBJECT: LIGHT LEVELS	
AUTHORITY: Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) § 42-56-10 (22), Powers of the director			
REFERENCES: ACA Standard #'s 3-4138, lighting determined by tasks; 3-4139, 20 foot candles – at desk level and grooming area; 3-4140, access to natural light – existing, renovation, addition; 3-4141, natural light in relation to cell time – new construction; 3-4142, dayroom view to outside – new construction; American Public Health Association's Standards for Health Services in Correctional Institutions, Section 7., Lighting; Food Code, R23-1, 21-27-FOOD, RI Department of Health, 1994 (item III.A.)			
INMATE / PUBLIC ACCESS?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	
AVAILABLE IN SPANISH?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	

I. PURPOSE:

To establish light level parameters in living, working, dining, and recreation areas adequate for staff and inmate safety and for the maintenance of hygiene and good sanitation.

II. POLICY:

Illumination that conforms to the standards of the American Public Health Association shall be provided.

III. PROCEDURES:

A. The following minimum light intensities must be met:

AREA	MINIMUM LIGHT INTENSITY (FOOT CANDLES)
Reading and Study Rooms	30
Living Areas	30
Food Preparation Surfaces and Utensil Washing Areas	50
Toilets and Washrooms	20
Bulk Food Storage Areas	10
Exit Ways	10

- B. Inmate domicile lighting is measured at table or bed height. In double-bunked cells, equal lighting should be available at both top and bottom bunks.
- C. Improvised light shades in cells and dormitories are not allowed due to danger of fire. Light bulbs, fixtures, and windows must be clean and in good repair to optimize light penetration.
- D. Posters, pictures, draperies, clothing, and similar objects must not obstruct light.
- E. Wall and ceiling finishes must be selected to minimize glare.
- F. Correctional staff and the Environmental Health Coordinators monitor and enforce compliance.