



# RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE

	<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b> 18.47-3 DOC	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> 06/24/19	<b>PAGE 1 OF 3</b>
	<b>SUPERCEDES:</b> 18.47-2 DOC	<b>DIRECTOR:</b> <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">Please use BLUE ink.</span> 	
<b>SECTION:</b> HEALTH CARE		<b>SUBJECT:</b> PERSONAL HYGIENE	
<b>AUTHORITY:</b> Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) § 42-56-10 (22), Powers of the director			
<b>REFERENCES:</b> The most recent version of RIDOC policy 2.25 DOC, <a href="#">Indigent Inmates</a> ; NCCHC standard # J-47, Personal Hygiene (important); ACA standards 4-4341, Bathing and Personal Hygiene; 4-4342 (articles necessary for proper personal hygiene are provided to all inmates); 4-4343, Hair Care Services			
<b>INMATE / PUBLIC ACCESS?</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	
<b>AVAILABLE IN SPANISH?</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	

I. **PURPOSE:**

To ensure the proper hygiene of the inmate population in the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (RIDOC).

II. **POLICY:**

RIDOC provides for the proper hygiene of all inmates within its custody to include the prevention and control of infectious diseases and infestations within the correctional environment.

III. PROCEDURES:

- A. Custody staff has the primary responsibility to monitor an inmate's hygiene and to notify the Health Care Services staff of any serious problems.
1. When an officer determines an inmate's personal hygiene is lacking, s/he shall attempt to persuade the inmate to shower.
  2. If attempts to persuade the inmate to shower fail, the officer notifies the Shift Commander/designee who then notifies Health Care Services staff of the situation.
  3. Health Care Services staff and/or Behavioral Health Services staff provides patient education or behavioral health counseling as is deemed appropriate.
  4. If an inmate's lack of personal hygiene threatens their own health, the well-being of other inmates and the good order of the facility, the Warden/designee issues a direct order to the inmate with disciplinary action to follow if the inmate fails to comply with this order. If the inmate continues to be non-compliant, facility specific operating procedures (SOP) will be enforced.

NOTE: Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this policy, all facility Wardens will present a SOP to the Assistant Director of Institutions and Operations for approval.

- B. Living areas must always be kept clean, to include daily sanitizing, sweeping and mopping of all publicly trafficked areas.
- C. Inmates shall be showered upon commitment to the appropriate intake facility. An initial shower is **mandatory** for **all new** commitments prior to being moved into a living area. This procedure does not apply to inmate transfers between facilities
- D. All inmates will have access to a shower with hot and cold running water.
- E. A shower will be permitted five (5) times per week, as facility schedule allows, but is required three (3) times per week for all inmates.
- F. Toilet paper will be supplied to inmates.

- G. Inmates are required to purchase personal hygiene items unless they are indigent. (See the most recent version of policy 2.25 DOC, [Indigent Inmates](#), for the definition of indigent.) Inmates who are initially committed or indigent (unable to afford personal hygiene items) will be provided the following personal hygiene items:
1. Shampoo
  2. Soap
  3. Comb
  4. Toothbrush
  5. Toothpaste
  6. Deodorant
  7. Sanitary napkins and tampons are provided for all female inmates (Women's Facilities)
  8. Shaving implements subject to security and mental health considerations
- H. Laundry services for inmates' clothing and linens are provided at least weekly. Initial commitments shall be given the building approved towels, face cloths and bed linens.
- I. Barbering/haircuts and hair care services are provided at a minimum of once every thirty (30) days.