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<p>REFERENCES (Include but are not limited to)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Directive #4913</p>	<p>APPROVING AUTHORITY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Joseph F. Bellini</i></p>		

- I. DESCRIPTION:** This procedure is designed to provide reasonable and consistent standards regarding the sanitation, order, and safety of inmate living quarters including cells, dormitories, cubicles, and multiple occupancy rooms.

Clean living quarters create a sanitary environment for inmate living and employee working conditions. A neat appearance builds morale for all.

Under supervision of security personnel, each inmate is responsible for adherence to these standards. Assigned security personnel shall enforce the procedures set forth in this directive.

See Directive #4913, "Inmate Property."

II. PROCEDURE

- A. Inmate Responsibilities: Each inmate is responsible for the clean and orderly arrangement of their living quarters. Their daily responsibilities include:
1. Making up bed neatly upon rising and leaving it neat when leaving the area.
 2. Removing waste paper, excessive newspapers, and trash from living quarters on a daily basis and placing them in the receptacles provided. Paper bags shall not be used as trash receptacles. Non combustible trash receptacles shall be used in living quarters. Inmates may neither possess plastic trash can liners in their living quarters for any reason, nor will they be allowed to store empty plastic bags of any type.
 3. Removing excess empty containers, tin cans, paper bags, and other containers from the living quarters for disposal. Accumulation of such items is not permitted, except for clean deposit-type containers. Accumulations of up to two cases (48 containers total empty and full) are allowable. Inmates must turn in empty containers at their next commissary buy.
 4. Keeping the floor of the living quarters clean and uncluttered.
 5. Keeping the sink and toilet clean at all times.
 6. Keeping cell bars, window, sills, and screen clean and dust-free.
 7. Keeping unsealed food containers closed to protect food from dust, insects, etc.
 8. Keeping eating utensils clean.
 9. Keeping their entire living quarter area unobstructed. Curtains, clothing, and other material shall not be placed or hung in such a manner as to limit or obstruct full vision into the living quarters.
 10. Keeping cell lighting fixtures free from coverings which create a fire hazard or obstruct illumination.
 11. Inspecting their electrical extension cords and appliances for damage (frayed or exposed wires, broken plugs, etc.).
 12. Assuring that all medications (vitamins, OTC, and prescription) and safety razors are not left out. They must be secured in their locker when an inmate is not in their living quarters.
 13. Assuring that audio units, televisions, and appliances are turned off when the inmate is not present in their living quarters.

- B. Display Area: A bulletin board or wall area no larger than eight square feet shall be designated for the hanging of pictures, photographs, and newspaper clippings. Inmates will confine pictures, photographs, newspaper clippings, etc. to this area as designated by the facility. Any pictures of nudes are to be displayed in such a way that they are not visible to persons passing the inmate's living quarters. All materials that are attached to the bulletin board or designated wall area must be fixed in such a way that their removal does not deface the area. Inmates may not deface their cell/cube walls with graffiti.

In facilities where adherence to this display area specification is not practical, the Superintendent should request an exemption from the Deputy Commissioner for Correctional Facilities.

- C. Security of Possessions: Inmates are responsible for the security of possessions in their living quarters at all times. At those facilities where combination padlocks are allowed, only the Department approved padlocks may be purchased for use on lockers.

III. ENFORCEMENT: Enforcement of inmate compliance is the responsibility of the Correction Officers assigned to the housing unit with monitoring responsibilities assigned to the uniformed supervisors. Violations may result in disciplinary action.