



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5120:1-8-02 Classification.

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(A) (Important) Each full service jail shall have a written inmate classification system that specifies the criteria and procedures for determining and changing the classification of inmates to determine the level of custody required, special needs, housing assignment and participation in programming and written policies, procedures, and practice which evidence compliance with the standards set forth in this rule. Each minimum security jail, as defined in paragraph (A)(4) of rule 5120:1-7-02 of the Administrative Code, will have a written inmate classification system that limits inmates housed in the jail to those sentenced or transferred by order of a judge for a traffic offense, misdemeanor or felony of the fourth or fifth degree that are not offenses of violence as defined in division (A)(9) of section 2901.01 of the Revised Code. The classification system will include the evaluation of each inmate to determine whether the inmate is suitable to be housed in the minimum security jail. Determination to transfer an inmate from the minimum security jail will be made by the jail administrator or designee based on the best interests of the inmate, staff and/or the safe, secure operation of the jail.

(B) Each full service jail will have written policies and procedures, and practices which evidence, compliance with the following standards:

(1) (Important) . Inmate management and housing assignments consider age, gender, legal status, custody needs, special problems and needs, and behavior. Male and female inmates are housed in separate rooms or cells. Inmates are separated according to existing laws and regulations and consistent with the facility's classification plan.

(2) (Important) Violent and non-violent inmates are not placed in the same cell or unsupervised areas together.

(3) (Important) Male and female inmates are supervised if placed together for purposes of programming, transportation or other similar activities.



(4) (Important) Juvenile and adult inmates are separated in a manner consistent with sections 2151.311 and 2152.26 of the Revised Code.

(5) (Important) Jails using inmate workers will evaluate and select workers based on established criteria.

(6) Inmates participating in work or educational release programs will be housed separately from the general population.

(C) (Important) Juveniles shall not be held in a minimum security jail.

(D) (Important) Inmates, when placed in general population, will be:

(1) Assigned a bed;

(2) Provided with a mattress, blanket, bed linens and towels;

(3) Provided with articles to maintain personal hygiene (toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine hygiene items and soap).