

**2945.2510 INFORMATION TO PRISONERS.**

Subpart 1. **Information to prisoners.** Minimal rules for prisoner behavior must be posted in a conspicuous place or provided to the prisoner.

Subp. 2. **Official charge, legal basis for detention (mandatory).** Every prisoner admitted to a facility must be advised of the official charge or legal basis for detention and confinement, information gathered, and to whom disseminated.

Subp. 3. **Limitations on disciplinary actions.** The decision to deprive a prisoner of articles of clothing and bedding as a result of the prisoner's destruction of those items must be reviewed by the officer in charge during each eight-hour period, and the review must be documented.

The delegation of authority to a prisoner or group of prisoners to exercise the right of punishment over another prisoner or group of prisoners shall be prohibited.

No prisoner may be deprived of the use of materials necessary to maintain an acceptable level of personal hygiene. Items such as toilet paper and soap and water must be made available and provided upon request.

Subp. 4. **Instruments of restraint.** Instruments of restraint, such as handcuffs, chains, irons, and straitjackets must not be used as punishment.

A. Instruments of restraint must not be used except in the following circumstances:

- (1) as a precaution against escape during a transfer;
- (2) on medical grounds by direction of a consulting or attending physician or licensed psychologist; or
- (3) by order of the facility administrator or person in charge in order to prevent a prisoner from injuring himself or herself, others, or from damaging property.

B. The facility administrator shall develop written policies and procedures to govern the use of restraints.

C. Instruments of restraint must not be applied for any longer time than is strictly necessary.

D. Each incident involving the use of restraints consistent with item A, subitem (2) or (3), must be documented and on file.

Subp. 5. **Disciplinary records.** Disciplinary records must be maintained on all documented disciplinary infractions and punishment administered.

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