



# Direction for a Search Requiring the Removal of Clothing of Prisoners

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This Direction may be cited as the Direction for a Search Requiring the Removal of Clothing of Prisoners.

A search requiring the removal of clothing of prisoners must be carried out in accordance with the *Corrective Services Act 2006*, *Corrective Services Regulation 2017* and the requirements of the Custodial Operations Practice Directives.

**Under section 35(1) of the *Corrective Services Act 2006*, I direct that prisoners be searched in accordance with the schedule.**

## DATE OF EFFECT

This Direction supersedes the Queensland Corrective Services Direction for a Search Requiring the Removal of Clothing of Prisoners which commenced on 1st day of August 2015.

Dated at Brisbane this 26<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER 2021.

Paul Stewart APM  
Commissioner

**Queensland Corrective Services**



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## SCHEDULE

### 1. Search requiring the removal of clothing of prisoners subject to a Maximum-Security Order.

In addition to any search required pursuant to section 2 of this schedule, and with the exception of where section 35(3) of the *Corrective Services Act* has been invoked the prisoner is also to be searched requiring the removal of clothing at the following times:

- when the prisoner enters a maximum-security facility under a maximum-security order
- prior to leaving the prisoner's cell to have contact with another person and/or on returning to the prisoner's cell after having contact with another person (other than a corrective services officer or accredited visitor)
- as part of a schedule of searches requiring the removal of clothing determined by the Chief Superintendent of the corrective services facility. The schedule of searches will include at a minimum - once per calendar month but no more than four times per calendar month, at such exact times and on such days to be determined by the Chief Superintendent. This requirement is in addition to any other searches requiring the removal of clothing that may be undertaken in relation to this direction or in accordance with section 36 and 37 of the *Corrective Services Act*

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### 2. Search requiring the removal of clothing of prisoner at a high security facility

With the exception of where section 35(3) of the *Corrective Services Act* has been invoked the prisoner must be searched requiring the removal of clothing at the following times:

- immediately upon being received into custody at a corrective services facility
- is moved from a low custody facility (farm) to an adjoining high security centre for a purpose such as a medical appointment or program participation. This applies to the Capricornia Correctional Centre, Townsville Correctional Centre (Male) and Lotus Glen Correctional Centre
- immediately prior to the exit from a corrective services facility for the purposes of an external transfer or leave of absence and immediately upon the return to a corrective services facility after an external transfer or leave of absence
- any time the prisoner enters the facility subject to Custodial Operations Practice Directive Prisoner Entitlements: Prisoner Communication in regard to inter-facility contact
- when the prisoner enters a health centre, safety unit or S4 accommodation unit at Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre under a safety order
- when the prisoner is subject to a safety order and prior to being placed in the approved accommodation nominated on the order
- whenever a prisoner on a safety order as a result of



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	<p>being at risk of self-harm or suicide in the S4 accommodation unit at Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre enters an accommodation cell in the unit. The Chief Superintendent, General Manager of Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre or the centre's Risk Assessment Team may reduce the level of searches requiring the removal of clothing required when entering an accommodation cell based on the presenting risk of an individual prisoner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– when a prisoner is identified as being at risk of self-harm or suicide in accordance with the Custodial Operations Practice Directive At Risk Management: At Risk and in accordance with any requirements for searching included in the prisoner's At Risk Management Plan</li> <li>– before the prisoner begins a period of separate confinement</li> <li>– before the prisoner is transferred or removed from the facility for any of the purposes stated in Chapter 2, Part 2, Division 7, Transfer and Removal of Prisoners of the Corrective Services Act</li> <li>– after the prisoner has had a contact visit with a personal visitor</li> <li>– before the prisoner is required to provide a test sample of urine</li> </ul>
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<b>3. Search requiring the removal of clothing of prisoners at a low security facility</b>	<p>With the exception of where section 35(3) of the <i>Corrective Services Act</i> has been invoked the prisoner must be searched requiring the removal of clothing at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– immediately prior to the exit from a corrective services facility for the purposes of an external transfer or leave of absence and immediately upon the return to a corrective services facility after an external transfer or leave of absence</li> <li>– when a prisoner is identified as being at risk of self-harm or suicide in accordance with the Custodial Operations Practice Directive At Risk Management: At Risk and in accordance with any requirements for searching included in the prisoner's At Risk Management Plan;</li> <li>– when the prisoner is subject to a safety order and prior to being placed in the approved accommodation nominated on the order</li> <li>– before the prisoner begins a period of separate confinement</li> <li>– before the prisoner is required to provide a test sample of urine</li> </ul>

