

**MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
CUSTODY DIVISION POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

**CHAPTER 2 - PERSONNEL**  
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**SPECIAL HOUSING**

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**POLICY**

Inmates who are classified as Medical, Civil, Mental Health or Protective Custody will be housed in the Special Housing Pod.

**PROCEDURE**

If a male inmate is classified as Civil, Mental Health, Medical (the on duty nurse will determine when an inmate needs Medical classification), or Protective Custody during the classification interview, they will be dressed in the appropriate color uniform. Mental Health Level II inmates will wear solid orange, Mental Health Level III inmates will wear an orange and white striped shirt and solid orange pants, Medical will wear green, Civil will wear neon green and Protective Custody will wear yellow.

If an inmate requests or is later determined to be Protective Custody, the Classification Unit will be notified of the change in the inmate's status. The inmate will be interviewed within 72 hours of placement and thereafter every 30 days.

Within the Special Housing Pod, there are single cells, double bunked cells, one safety cell, four medical isolation cells, suicide watch cell and a medical exam room. All inmates will eat in their cells and will be allowed out of their cells at scheduled intervals. Some of the Medical cells are monitored by camera and are also used as suicide watch cells. Physical checks every 15 minutes are required when a person is placed on a suicide watch. A log of these checks will be kept.

If a protective Custody inmate cannot mix with other Protective Custody inmates, they will be classified as Protective Custody "No Mix" and allowed out of their cells a minimum of 30 minutes per day. Any Special Housing inmate who needs more security than the Pod can offer shall be reviewed by the Classification deputy for placement into Administrative Segregation. If a Classification Deputy is unavailable, placement will be made and a review will take place within 72 hours by the Classification Unit.

Whenever overflow housing is needed, only those inmates with a lower threat level will be considered for housing in Special Housing.

Programming for Special Housing inmates will be dependent upon classification. Level II Mental Health, PC and Medical inmates will be allowed to meet with program personnel in the multi-purpose rooms.

**RELATED STANDARDS**

Chapter 4, Section 1, 7

Chapter 10, Section 4, 5, 6, 14

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By order of

JAMIE SCARDINA  
BUREAU COMMANDER