Security and risk management

Roebourne work camp is classified Minimum Security, however it still maintains a strict security perspective.

All areas of the camp, prisoners and their rooms are searched for contraband on a regular basis.

These searches may use the resources of the host prison including drug detection dogs and security teams.

ALL prisoners are identified and accounted for at specific times throughout the day and night.

Any work camp prisoner ‘out of bounds’ will be issued immediate consequences and if considered serious, will be returned to the home prison.

Any prisoner who cannot be located will be considered to have ‘escaped’ and the police will be notified. When apprehended they will be returned to a secure prison.

Any prisoner can be drug or alcohol tested at any time during they stay at the camp.

Any prisoner caught with drugs or alcohol will be returned to the home prison and an investigation will be carried out.

Bullying, assaults or stand over tactics are not acceptable behaviour at any DCS facility.

Depending on the seriousness of the offence, any prisoner involved in this type of behaviour may be counselled, lose privileges or be returned to the home prison.

Work camps have very few of these occurrences due to a voluntary ‘no tolerance’ policy.

Selecting prisoners

All assessments for suitability will be conducted at Roebourne Regional Prison.

To determine if a prisoner is suitable for work camp placement, all of their history is examined including charges, length of sentence and behaviour in custody.

In some circumstances prisoners who have been assessed as ‘Supervised Section 95’ (able to work outside the prison) may be suitable for placement at the work camp, however, they will not be
allowed to leave the work camp perimeter unless accompanied and supervised by an officer at all times.

Prisoners must have been orientated to the work camp and agreed to a Roebourne work camp orientation contract prior to participating in any work camp activity.

**Work camp activities**

Prisoners approved for placement at the work camp are expected to undertake any job or duty as directed by work camp staff.

Failure to do so may result in them being denied the opportunity to participate in recreation or other activities external of the work camp boundary.

All prisoners must demonstrate a high work ethic and excellent general conduct within the work camp compound prior to being permitted to participate in external Section 95 work.

A ‘Life Skills’ instructor is responsible for providing assistance and instruction to work camp prisoners in essential living skills.

This includes training prisoners in food stars and overseeing the onsite catering, menu planning and nutritional requirements of prisoners.

Other duties will include training and supervising prisoners in food budgeting, market gardens, grounds maintenance, and laundry.

Prisoners who are approved for placement at the work camp will be considered to have achieved ‘earned supervision’ status and be afforded access to all privileges associated with ‘earned privilege’ status.

If a prisoner poses a threat to the good order and security of the work camp, they will be removed and returned immediately into the main prison. A zero tolerance policy applies.

All prisoners will undergo regular drug tests and must return a negative reading to illicit substances prior to placement at the work camp.

**Selecting projects**

All work place experience/projects are assessed by the work camp staff and home prison.

The prison superintendent must ensure it meets with specific guidelines in conjunction with the work camp philosophy before approvals are given.

Only minimum security rated prisoners qualify for placement in external activities or work camps.

For more information contact the work camps manager on 9264 4446.