



Youth Custodial Rule 201

Association of male and female detainees

Legislation referred to: [Young Offenders Act 1994](#)
[Young Offenders Regulations 1995](#)

1. Introduction

Inappropriate associations between male and female detainees may affect the good order of a Youth Custodial Services (YCS) facility, compromise detainee and/or staff safety, lead to public comment and/or damage the Department of Corrective Services' reputation.

2. Purpose

This Youth Custodial Rule is to establish clear policy for the management of male and female detainee associations to minimise the risk of inappropriate contact.

3. Scope

This Youth Custodial Rule applies to all YCS staff, volunteers and contractors and should be read in conjunction with all relevant Youth Custodial Rules, Standing Orders and Departmental policies and procedures.

4. Policy

- 4.1 Male and female detainees shall be assigned to separate accommodation units. All female detainees shall be housed in the separate secure female precinct.
- 4.2 Officers of either gender may supervise detainees.
- 4.3 Supervision of detainees in communal ablutions shall only be by Youth Custodial Officers (YCOs) of the same gender. In an emergency situation any YCO may enter the ablutions of the opposite gender, should this occur a written report shall be forwarded to the Superintendent.
- 4.4 Population counts of male and female detainees may be integrated and conducted by YCOs of either gender.
- 4.5 Recreation areas, work areas and visiting areas may be integrated, when appropriate safety and security controls are in place. Detainees in these areas may be placed under the supervision of YCS staff, contractors or service providers of either gender.
- 4.6 When appropriate safety and security controls are in place, activity programs may be integrated and detainees engaging in such programs may be placed under the supervision of YCS staff of either gender.
- 4.7 Youth Custodial Services staff, contractors or service providers shall facilitate supervised, positive interaction between male and female detainees, which promotes and develops self-discipline and self-responsibility.

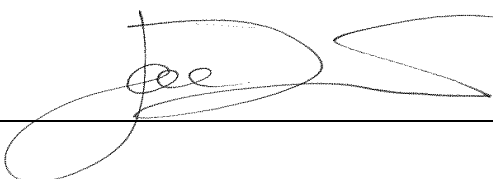
- 4.8 Attendance for medical appointments at the health centre may be integrated if necessary, however male and female detainees shall be examined and treated separately.
- 4.9 Male and female detainees in escort vehicles shall be placed in separate compartments under the supervision of YCOs or contractors of either gender.
- 4.10 Religious services may be integrated and detainees attending such services may be placed under the supervision of YCOs of either gender.
- 4.11 Inappropriate physical contact between male and female detainees is prohibited.
 - 4.11.1 In the course of standard program participation, some form of appropriate physical contact between male and female detainees may occur. All YCS staff, contractors and service providers must regulate physical contact that is appropriate and ensure that this contact remains at a minimum and is suitable for the activity.
 - 4.11.2 All YCS staff, contractors and service providers shall be vigilant whilst supervising male and female detainees who are participating in structured programs in the same location.
 - 4.11.3 In the event of inappropriate contact between a male and female detainee, YCS staff are to immediately report the event in accordance with [Youth Custodial Rule 109](#).

Approval


Rule made pursuant to Section 181 (1) of the *Young Offenders Act 1994* and *Young Offenders Regulations 1995*, by the Commissioner being the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Corrective Services with the approval of the Minister for Corrective Services.

On the 13th day of March 2014

Minister



Commissioner



On the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner Youth Justice Services and the Director Youth Custodial Services.



Deputy Commissioner
Youth Justice Services



Director
Youth Custodial Services

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