I. **AUTHORITY:**


II. **PURPOSE:**

To describe conditions under which offenders may be held in segregation.

III. **APPLICABILITY:**

To all employees, especially those involved in the operation of segregation, and all offenders.

IV. **POLICY:**

It shall be the policy of the Department of Correction and the Department of Community Punishment to provide secure and safe housing to offenders who require a higher degree of physical control or who staff otherwise find necessary to remove from the general population of the facility.

V. **DEFINITIONS:**

A. **Offenders:** Persons sentenced to the Department of Correction or persons sentenced to the Department of Correction for judicial transfer to the Department of Community Punishment, and persons confined within a Community Punishment center as a condition of probation, suspended imposition of sentence, or post prison transfer.

B. **Segregation:** The confinement of an offender to an individual cell or holding facility that is separated from the general population.

VI. **PROCEDURES:**

A. An offender may be confined in segregation for, but not limited to, the following reasons:
1. The offender is potentially dangerous to himself or others;
2. The offender poses a serious escape risk;
3. The offender requests protection or is deemed by staff to require protection.
4. The offender requires immediate mental health evaluation and cannot be in contact with general population offenders;
5. The offender requires medical isolation and medical housing is not otherwise available;
6. Any other circumstances where, in the judgement of staff, the offender may pose a threat to the security of the facility; or
7. The offender is in transfer status to a higher security institution.

B. Segregation of an offender shall not be used as punishment.

C. Specific procedures to be followed for the operation of segregation shall be listed in the appropriate administrative directive(s).