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ACA/CAC STANDARDS:

STATE/FEDERAL STATUTES:

PURPOSE: To outline policy for the control, accountability, and disposition of items declared to be
contraband.

POLICY STATEMENT: In order to ensure the safety and security of employees, inmates, and each
institution, and to comply with related standards and regulations pertaining to fire-life safety and sanitation
and hygiene, any item identified as being "contraband" will be confiscated, accounted for, and disposed of
in accordance with applicable state and federal statutes or procedures, and other applicable regulations,
codes, standards, and/or Agency policies and directives. 5-ACI-3A-19

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SPECIFIC PROCEDURES:

1. ITEMS CONSIDERED TO BE CONTRABAND: Section 24-3-950, South Carolina Code, 1976,
provides that it shall be a felony to furnish or attempt to furnish any inmate of the Department of Corrections

with any matter declared by the Director to be contraband. It shall also be unlawful for any inmate under jurisdiction of the Department to possess any matter declared to be contraband. The following are considered contraband within the meaning of this section:

1.1 Any item which was not issued to the inmate officially. Any item which cannot be purchased in the institutional canteen. Any item which has not been authorized by the Warden and/or Agency policy;

1.2 Weapons, any and all firearms, explosives, etc., to include bullets, knives of any and all descriptions, clubs or billies. NOTE: Possession of a weapon or a replica of a weapon by an inmate is a criminal offense.

1.3 Drugs of any description in particular barbiturates, narcotics, medicines and poisons. Issued medication in excessive amounts and expired medication;

1.4 Any article fabricated or designed to be used as a dangerous weapon that may be used in an offensive or defensive manner;

1.5 Cellular phones (except those identified in OP-22.20);

1.6 Computers/tablets (when not specifically authorized by the Division Director of Resource of Information Management pursuant to SCDC Policy ADM-15.05, "Security of and Access to Information Technology;")

1.7 Internet-capable devices (to include fitness/health trackers, smartwatches) and any electronic devices with photograph, digital, communication, recording, audio, or gaming capability;

1.8 Drones, drone controllers, or other accessories/equipment;

1.9 Drugs of any description in particular barbiturates, narcotics, inhalants, intoxicants, synthetics, medicines and poisons. Issued medication in excessive amounts and expired medication;

1.10 Any and all types of alcoholic drinks to include "homemade" alcohol. Any liquids containing alcohol;

1.11 Tobacco/tobacco products;

1.12 E-cigarette or similar devices (refers to a battery-powered device used to inhale an aerosol that typically, but not always, contains nicotine, along with flavorings and other chemicals);

1.13 Locks and keys. Only those locks and keys that have been specifically authorized by the Warden can be in the possession of an inmate, regardless of the custody level of that inmate;

1.14 Tools of any description. All tools in the possession of any inmate must be approved by the Warden or designee;

1.15 Money in the possession of inmates classified as Work Release in any denominations exceeding \$40.00. Any item of currency (checks, money orders, bank drafts, etc.) that were not submitted through or with the approval of the Warden/designee. Any money found in institutions;

1.16 Credit cards, negotiable instruments, and identification documents other than those issued by SCDC facilities. Exception for identification documents at Work Release facilities;

1.17 Department computer printouts or typewriter ribbons, carbon paper, and other materials from offices that might contain confidential or sensitive information that inmates may not have in their possession;

1.18 Needles, syringes, and other IV paraphernalia not approved and issued by Health Services;

1.19 Jewelry not specifically authorized in SCDC Policy OP-22.03, "Authorized Inmate Property and Disposition of Unauthorized Property";

1.20 Clothing not specifically authorized in SCDC Policy OP-22.03, "Authorized Inmate Property and Disposition of Unauthorized Property";

1.21 Any electronic components used solely for the purpose of recording; Also, electronic devices specifically prohibited include: VCRs; CD/DVD/Blu-ray players and discs; Video games including hand-held units; Computers; Remote control devices; Audio recorders as a single unit; Typewriters which contain a disk for operation or which can be hooked up to another system or have recording capabilities; Cameras, video recorders, and all other image reproduction equipment and supplies;

1.22 Photographs, pictures, magazines, and other images that are unauthorized pursuant to SCDC Policy PS-10.08, "Inmate Correspondence Privileges."

1.23 Clothing that contains symbols or signs with inappropriate language or graphics, including gang symbols or racist comments, inflammatory/vulgar/profane communications, or of a sexually offensive nature.

1.24 Clothing that has been altered from manufacturer (no cut-offs or cut-up clothing);

1.25 Cooking appliances other than those provided by SCDC;

1.26 Any item that has been altered from its original manufactured condition or used in an unauthorized manner (i.e., appliances, wiring, extension cords, and electrical plugs). Refer to SCDC Policy OP-22.03, "Authorized Inmate Property and Disposition of Unauthorized Property";

1.27 Hobby craft items and equipment, to include coping saws and needle nose pliers that are not specifically designated by policy or procedure. Hobby craft materials are to be stored in the hobby craft area only;

1.28 All tattoo equipment, paraphernalia, and supplies;

1.29 Personal hygiene items not sold or issued by SCDC or approved by the Warden. Cosmetic items not purchased through SCDC Canteens or SCDC approved mail order catalogs;

1.30 Games and recreational equipment (including musical instruments) not sold through the SCDC Canteen Branch or authorized and controlled by institution;

1.31 Plastic and other synthetics that do not comply with institutional policy such as plastic milk bags, milk crates, bread trays, containers etc., that while located inside that confines of the institution, are not authorized to be in the personal possession of an inmate or to be utilized for anything other than the original intended purpose;

1.32 Items that are involved in the disruption of institutional operations or become a clear and present danger to personal safety, even if not included herein may be seized as contraband; and

1.33 No employee, visitor, vendor or inmate, not specifically authorized to do so, shall have in their possession or under their control:

- any weapon, instrument, or tool to affect an escape or aid in an assault or insurrection;
- any intoxicant, drug or similar stimulant, dice, or games of chance; or
- any article of property not permitted by the Warden and/or Agency policy;

1.34 Any toxic, caustic, or flammable material in an inmates possession that is not authorized by institutional policy is considered contraband. A continuous on-going inventory will be maintained of restricted materials with quantities dispensed to inmates sufficient only for the immediate purpose to be served. Use of these materials will be conducted under strict supervision. Poisonous substances will be handled in such a way as to make it impossible for these materials to be mixed with food or to be used in food by accident;

1.35 Videotapes, Compact Discs, Thumb Drives, Hard Drives, FireSticks, Computer, or Typewriter Discs: Videotapes, compact discs, thumb drives, hard drives, Firesticks, and computer/typewriter discs are not authorized. Religious media discs may be checked out through the institutional Chaplain. (NOTE: Inmates will be permitted to receive compact discs of their own parole hearings through the mail directly from the Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services only. These discs will be considered legal materials.)

1.36 Nuisance items: Any item or article which may be or may have been authorized for possession, but which is now prohibited because of excessive quantities or otherwise presents a fire hazard, sanitation, security, or housekeeping problem.

1.37 Other items as specified by the Warden. Written notification of any items so specified will be provided to each inmate. A copy of the notification will be provided to the Deputy Director for Operations for consideration to include as a part of this policy.

2. ITEMS NOT DEEMED CONTRABAND AND AUTHORIZED TO BE BROUGHT INTO AN INSTITUTION BY AN EMPLOYEE. OP-22.20, "Searches of Employees, Volunteers, Visitors, and Vendors" identifies items that are authorized to be brought into an institution by an employee in a clear container, bag, or backpack that are not deemed contraband. These items must not be accessible to the inmate population and remain under close control of employee or secured in the immediate work area or breakroom.

2.1 The Warden/designee may approve exceptions for non-SCDC cellphones for:

- Agency Director,

- Deputy Director for Operations

- Assistant Deputy Director for Operations

- Regional Directors

- Director, Division of Security and Emergency Services

- Deputy Director for Investigations and Intelligence

- Outside Law Enforcement

- Others on a case-by-case basis, with additional approval from the Deputy Director for Operations

3. DIVISION DIRECTOR FOR SECURITY AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS RESPONSIBILITIES: THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FOR SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES will:

3.1 REQUIRE that prior notification of any officer/staff to be appointed as a Contraband Control Officer (CCO) or Assistant Contraband Control Officer (ACCO) be made to the Deputy Director of Investigations and Intelligence in order that a "name search of investigative records" be conducted. The search will be completed prior to actual assignment to the contraband duties.

3.2 Establish a training program for each officer/staff appointed as a CCO or ACCO. The training program will include contraband policy, procedures, and certification as a drug tester. Each newly appointed CCO

and ACCO will complete the training program in a timely manner as the Warden can schedule the training. Trainers for this program must be authorized and designated by the Division Director of Security and Emergency Services and at least one must be instructor certified in Basic Training by the Division of Training and Staff Development.

3.3 Ensure that an annual inspection of all Contraband Control Operations Areas is conducted and documented utilizing the Security Audit Instrument for Contraband and Evidence Management in accordance with GA-06.01, "Management Reviews."

3.4 Require a quarterly contraband report be provided through the Warden to the Division Director of Security and Emergency Services and the Deputy Director for Operations by the 10th working day following the last day of each quarter. Quarters for reporting purposes are identified as:

July-September

October-December

January-March

April-June

3.5 Conduct an unannounced inspection of each institutional Contraband Control Operations Area at least once every three years utilizing the Security Audit Instrument for Contraband and Evidence Management in accordance with GA-06.01, "Management Reviews."

4. WARDENS RESPONSIBILITIES:

4.1 Select a minimum of:

- One Sergeant for CCO and one Correctional Officer for ACCO at Level III Medium and Close security institutions;
- One Sergeant or one Correctional Officer for the ancillary duties of CCO at Level I institutions.

4.2 Appoint additional Assistant Contraband Control Officers (ACCOs) as needed.

4.3 Ensure that prior notification of any officer/staff to be appointed as a CCO or ACCO be made to the Deputy Director of Investigations and Intelligence in order that a "name search of investigative records" be conducted prior to actual assignment to the respective duties. In most cases Captains and Lieutenants should not be assigned as the CCO. These staff members may be assigned an oversight/audit responsibility for contraband inspections, audits, and/or dispositions.

4.4 Ensure that each newly appointed CCO and ACCO receive and successfully complete the Contraband Control Training Program in a timely manner. Institution Investigators and/or a CCO assigned to another institution may conduct this training program when available.

4.5 In addition to the Contraband Logbook, SCDC Form 19-79, "Controlled Substance and Disposition

Form," will be used for testing and disposition throughout the Agency and the SCDC S-23, "Contraband/Evidence Chain of Custody," will be used for chain of evidence.

4.6 Ensure a safe and secure place for storage of contraband is provided. Access to the storage location will be strictly controlled and limited. The Division Director of Security and Emergency Services will inspect the location and access controls.

5. CONTRABAND CONTROL OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES: Contraband Control Officers (CCO) will:

5.1 Successfully complete the Contraband Control Training Program in a timely manner when scheduled by the Warden.

5.2 Maintain all contraband in strict accordance with Agency policy, procedures and laws.

5.3 Maintain a Contraband Logbook at each institution for control, accountability and disposition. It will be a bound ledger.

5.4 Prepare a SCDC Form 19-4, "Quarterly Report of Confiscated Property." The report will be sent through the Warden to the Division of Operations and to the Division Director of Security and Emergency Services. The report must be received by the 10th working day following the last day of each quarter.

5.5 Ensure all precautions are taken to keep all contraband away from inmates. Institution specific procedures will be developed and implemented with the Warden's approval, to prevent any inmate, visitor, vendor, volunteer, contractor, or employee from carrying contraband into the confines of any institution or facility.

5.6 Conduct routine and irregular shakedowns of inmates quarters, frequent shakedowns, and careful supervision of inmates and conduct discrete observation of visitors, vendors, volunteers, contractors and employees. Conduct regular inspections of vehicular traffic and supplies and ensure proper handling and storage of items that are not to be in the possession of inmates.

6. CONTRABAND SAFE:

6.1 Only the Warden, one Warden's designee, the CCO and the ACCO are permitted access to the contraband safe and the safe combination and/or key. A memo signed by the Warden, listing the names of the employees (noted in this section) who are authorized to enter the safe will be posted in an area that is visible to all that enter.

6.2 Whenever someone opens the safe, he/she must complete SCDC Form 19-223 "Control Sheet-Contraband Safe or Contraband Control Area" which will be kept in a folder in the safe. The form will identify the following:

- Name of person who entered
- Date entered
- Time entered
- Reason for entering (include Case Number)

6.3 The combination to the contraband safe will be given to the CCO and the ACCO who will immediately commit it to memory. They will not retain it in written form. If the contraband safe is key controlled, the CCO/ACCO will be issued a key to access the safe and keep it in their possession at all times. The safe key will not be signed in and out on a daily basis.

6.4A copy of the contraband safe combination or key will be stored in a sealed envelope (the seal will be initialed and dated by the Warden) and kept in the Wardens safe for emergency purposes. The combination or key to the contraband safe, kept in the Wardens safe, is only to be accessed by the Warden and his/her designee.

7. ACCESS TO THE CONTRABAND CONTROL OPERATIONS OFFICE AND AREA:

7.1 The Contraband Control Office is accessible to all SCDC employees when the CCO or ACCO are present. When the CCO or ACCO are not present, the SCDC employees must have approval from the Warden/Duty Warden to enter the Contraband Control Office. Should it be necessary for an inmate to enter the Contraband Control Office, they shall be escorted by an employee and under direct supervision at all times.

7.2 Contraband Storage Area: A safe and secure place of storage and access to the storage area will be strictly controlled and limited. The Contraband Storage Area may be a secured room, a cabinet, locker or closet that is used for the storage of contraband other than high security risk contraband such as drugs, weapons, money, ammunition, etc. The warden will publish a memo that lists all employees who are permitted access to the Contraband Storage Area. The memo will be posted in a location that is visible to all who enter the Contraband Storage Area (example: posted on the door to the contraband storage area). Everyone who enters the Contraband Storage Area must sign in on SCDC Form 19-223 "Control Sheet-Contraband Control Area".

8. CONTRABAND CONTROL OPERATIONS KEYS:

8.1 The CCO and ACCO will each be issued a complete set of keys to the Contraband Control Operations Area and maintain the keys in their possession at all times. These keys will not be signed in and out on a daily basis.

8.2 The Warden will also be issued a complete set of keys to the Contraband Control Operations area. They will be secured in the Wardens safe in a sealed envelope and the seal will be initialed. In the event of an emergency, only the Warden and his/her designee will use these keys.

8.3 Whenever the CCO or the ACCO are away from their duty assignment for a significant amount of time (e.g., extended sick leave, extended military leave, extended furlough), he/she must give the Contraband Control Operations Keys to the Warden.

8.4 The combination or lock/key to the Contraband Safe must be changed and an inventory conducted whenever the Warden, CCO or ACCO are reassigned to another job assignment. This must be done within the first 48 hours of the reassignment.

9. CONTRABAND LOGBOOK:

9.1 A Contraband Logbook will be used to establish a record keeping system for control, accountability and disposition. The log will be maintained in a bound ledger at each institution. Corrections in the Logbook will be made by drawing one line through the error and initialing the error. Correction fluid (White out) will not be used. All entries will be made in black ink. At a minimum, the following information will be maintained in the Log:

- Case Number
- Inmate Name
- Inmate Number
- Date of Incident
- Time of Incident
- Location Evidence Was Found
- Found By
- Evidence Description
- Quantity
- Test Results
- Disposition Date
- Receipt Number
- SCDC S-23, "Contraband/Evidence Chain of Custody"

9.2 When confiscated contraband is recorded in the Contraband Logbook:

- An S-23, "Contraband/Evidence Chain of Custody," must be completed
- The respective S-23, "Contraband/Evidence Chain of Custody," must be attached to the evidence without destroying any portion of the evidence or evidence container
- A case number label, must be securely attached to the evidence without destroying any portion of the evidence
- The case number label must be visible, yet, not able to be easily removed from the evidence.

10. EVIDENCE STORAGE AND DISPOSITION: When possible, all evidence must be placed in a container (e.g., box, plastic bag, cellophane or envelope) and must have the evidence case number label S-23 (with case number) attached to the evidence and container.

10.1 Drugs:

10.1.1 All drugs will be weighed and tested upon receipt by the CCO. (See testing procedures in Paragraph 10., below.) The results of the test will be recorded in the Contraband Logbook and on SCDC Form 19-79, "Controlled Substance and Disposition Form."

10.1.2 Institutions that do not possess testing equipment and/or scales will have such testing conducted at the nearest correctional institution or local law enforcement agency. A coordination procedure will be

established in writing by the institution.

10.1.3 Drugs will be held until the case is disposed of by the Inmate Disciplinary System or court action. After all hearings are completed, the drugs will be disposed of by the CCO (See procedures).

10.1.4 Drugs signed over to civil court officials and/or local law enforcement personnel will require a receipt to be obtained and maintained. These officials will normally be responsible for the drug disposition. However, if these officials return the drugs to the institution, these drugs will be documented and destroyed as specified in this policy.

10.2 Pills: Pills will be handled in the same manner as specified for drugs. Pills require identification before disposition. A pharmacist, medical professional, or law enforcement agency must identify the pills and the identification must be recorded on SCDC Form 19-79.

10.3 Firearms: Any firearm confiscated by a correctional employee at a correctional facility will be turned over to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), until adequate traces can be made. If it becomes necessary to provide the firearm as evidence at a civil court hearing, the firearm may be retrieved from SLED for the hearing and retained in the institutional armory until the case has been completed.

10.4 Knives and other weapons considered contraband: This is a large category that includes, but is not limited to, pipes, wire, boards, glass, etc. This type of contraband will be maintained at the institution until all hearings have been completed. Once completed, this contraband will be destroyed (as outlined in this policy). A record of disposition will be maintained in the Contraband Logbook and SCDC Form 19-79, "Controlled Substance and Disposition Form."

10.5 Alcoholic Beverages:

10.5.1 Commercial alcoholic beverages: All commercial alcoholic beverages confiscated at an institution will be maintained and secured in the Contraband Control Operations locker until all hearings have been completed. A record of the confiscation will be recorded in the Contraband Log Book. These commercial beverages will be destroyed after the hearings and after SCDC Form 19-79 is completed.

10.5.2 "Homemade" alcoholic beverages (buck): All "homemade" alcoholic beverages will be certified by sight and smell. A sample and/or a photograph of the evidence will be maintained in the Contraband Control Storage Area until the Disciplinary Hearings have been completed. The "homemade" beverages and container may be destroyed once a sample and/or photograph is obtained and SCDC Form 19-79 is completed. Contraband that can cause a health and safety concern may be destroyed after it is photographed.

10.6 Money: Money is not allowed to be possessed by any inmate assigned to any institution with the exception of those classified as Work Release. Inmates participating in a Work Release Program are authorized to possess up to \$40.00 in bills. (NOTE: The SCDC reserves the right to change the amount of currency authorized for Work Release inmates at any time.) Money found to be in the possession of any inmate, or money in excess of approved limits found on any Work Release inmate, will be confiscated and deposited in the appropriate confiscated funds account within three (3) working days and the inmate will be subjected to disciplinary action. The following procedures will be followed for processing confiscated monies:

10.6.1 The confiscating official will complete SCDC S-23, "Contraband/Evidence Chain of Custody," and

SCDC Form 19-79, "Controlled Substance Testing and Disposition."

10.6.2 The confiscating official must give the funds and completed forms to the CCO.

10.6.3 The CCO will record all evidence in the Contraband Logbook.

10.6.4 The CCO must give the funds to the person designated by the Warden to handle such funds.

10.6.5 The person designated to handle the funds will give the CCO a receipt that includes the total amount submitted.

10.6.6 The designated individual at the institution will ensure that the funds are deposited not later than three (3) working days following the confiscation.

10.7 Nuisance contraband shall be turned over to the Warden or their designee for inventory and storage pending identification of the true owner, if in question, and possible disciplinary action.

11. PROCEDURES FOR WEIGHING AND RECORDING CONTRABAND DRUGS:

11.1 The employee finding/confiscating the contraband drugs should complete an SCDC Form 19-29, "Incident Report," (to be sent through proper routing procedures) and an S-23, "Contraband/Evidence Chain of Custody."

11.2 Attach the S-23, "Contraband/Evidence Chain of Custody," to the drugs (without damaging the original packaging or the contraband drugs) and place in the contraband/evidence drop box or give the contraband drugs to the CCO or ACCO.

11.3 CCO or ACCO will remove the contraband drugs from the contraband/evidence drop box and take them to the Contraband Control Office. He/she will verify the data on the S-23, "Contraband/Evidence Chain of Custody," and record all necessary data in the Contraband Logbook.

11.4 The CCO or ACCO must have the following material for management of the Contraband Drugs: Evidence Bags (or seal-a-meal bags and a sealer machine); container to weigh drugs (i.e., metal or glass bowl); scissors; case number label (case number labels are attached to S-23 "Contraband/Evidence Chain of Custody"); drug test kit; weighing scale; rubber gloves; and SCDC 19-79, "Controlled Substance and Disposition Form."

11.5 Procedures for weighing contraband drugs:

- Weigh the metal or glass (bowl) container in which you will place the contraband drugs (this will be "tare" weight).
- Remove the contraband drugs from the original packaging (save the original packaging for evidence).
- Test the drugs with an Agency approved test kit and record the results and all necessary data on SCDC 19-79, "Controlled Substance and Disposition Form," and the Contraband Logbook.
- Place the contraband drugs in the metal or glass (bowl) container and weigh on scale (note: the difference of the "total" weight and the "tare" weight is the "net" weight of the contraband drugs. Record the "net" weight on the SCDC 19-79, "Controlled Substance and Disposition Form," and the Contraband Logbook.

- Place the contents of the metal or glass (bowl) container in cellophane. Then place the case number label, in an Evidence Bag (or in the seal-a-meal bag) with the original packaging.
- (NOTE: ensure the case number label is visible and the original packaging is separate from the contraband drugs)
- Seal the Evidence Bag (or the seal-a-meal bag with the sealer machine).
- Attach the completed S-23, "Contraband/Evidence Chain of Custody," to the Evidence Bag (or seal-a-meal packaging).
- Place in the Contraband Control Safe.

12. CONTRABAND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES:

12.1 Contraband Drugs:

- Needed: Cardboard box; adhesive evidence tape; CCO, ACCO and one witness/employee (whose rank is Captain or higher) appointed by the Warden, or the CCO or ACCO and two witnesses/employees (whose rank is Captain or higher) appointed by the Warden.
- Complete a SCDC Form 19-79 and save for future reference.
- Two witnesses/employees will observe the CCO (or ACCO) place all recorded drug cases in noted cardboard box. When all cases are in the box, all seams and openings will be sealed with adhesive evidence tape and all three employees will initial all the areas in which the tape and box meet to confirm witnessed sealing.
- Most Law Enforcement contraband incinerators operate on a limited schedule. Make sure you make arrangements and an appointment to take the sealed box to the incinerator.
- Two of the three witnesses/employees (one must be at least a Captain) will take the sealed contraband box to the prearranged Law Enforcement contraband incinerator. The two witnesses/employees will show proof that procedures have been followed and present the sealed box to the incinerator operator for disposal.
- The two SCDC witnesses/employees and the incinerator operator must ensure the box has been destroyed.
- After disposal of the contraband, disposition of all cases and the documented witness of the disposal must be noted in the Contraband Logbook and on the SCDC Form 19-79.

12.2 Firearms: All firearms confiscated from inmates will be recorded in the Contraband Logbook, labeled with and S-23, "Contraband/Evidence Chain of Custody," and turned over to SLED for disposition/destruction. (NOTE: Firearms or other items considered being possible weapons found by labor crews off SCDC property will not be disturbed. Local law enforcement will be contacted to retrieve and handle such items in accordance with statutory requirements.)

12.3 Ammunition/Explosives: All ammunition and explosives will be turned over to local law enforcement (bomb disposal unit) in the same manner as firearms. (NOTE: Ammunitions or explosives found by labor crews off SCDC property will not be disturbed. Local law enforcement will be contacted to retrieve and handle such items in accordance with statutory requirements.)

12.4 Needles/Syringes: All needles/syringes will be disposed of as bio-hazardous waste pursuant to current agency policies, state and federal regulations, and medical protocol.

12.5 Alcohol/Other Intoxicants: All confiscated alcoholic beverages or other intoxicant (e.g., inhalers, etc.)

will be disposed of or destroyed in a safe manner by the CCO and witnessed by the ACCO or other staff member approved by the Warden. (NOTE: With the Duty Wardens approval, the Shift Supervisor may dispose of homemade wine. This should only be authorized in the absence of the CCO and ACCO. Each time that this occurs, the disposal must be thoroughly documented, witnessed, and signed.)

12.6 Other Weapons: Other weapons (e.g., brass knuckles, pocket-knives, shanks, clubs, etc.) as well as other items deemed a threat to the security of the institution or others will be disposed of or destroyed in a safe manner by the CCO, ACCO, and another staff witness approved by the Warden.

12.7 Nuisance Contraband: State property taken from an inmate as contraband will be returned to the institutional supply source if useable. If reuse is not feasible, the item(s) will be disposed of in the normal manner of disposing of surplus state property. Legal material belonging to another inmate shall be returned to the owner. Items containing no monetary value or that cannot be liquidated will be disposed of in one of the following manners:

1. Given to charity,
2. Reused by institution, or
3. Destroyed

13. CRIMINAL PROSECUTION: Contraband items to be used during criminal cases as evidence will be referred to the Office of Investigations and Intelligence (OII) for handling. OII will assume custody of the contraband as soon as possible. The institution should hold the evidence in a secured location maintaining chain of custody until OII takes custody. The initial confiscating authority will establish the chain of evidence, and ensure it is properly followed. Form S-23, "Contraband/Evidence Chain of Custody, Shall be used for this purpose. In cases where criminal prosecution is anticipated, Special Agents from OII should conduct the questioning of suspected inmates on any matter related to potential criminal charges.

14. CONTRABAND LOGBOOK: The below listed items are required entries for the institutional Contraband Logbook. These categories will be listed horizontally in the Logbook.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Case Number	Must be numbered sequentially starting with the number "1" at the beginning of each calendar year. This will be a reference number for receipts or disposition of all contraband.
Name	List the last name first, then the first name and middle initial of the person from whom the contraband was associated/confiscated. If ownership can not be determined, then "Unknown" will be listed.

Inmate Number	List the SCDC Number of the Inmate identified with the respective "Case Number." If it is an employee or visitor, list his/her social security number.
Date of Incident	List the Month, Day, and Year of the incident involving the noted contraband.
Time of Incident	List the time of the incident involving the noted contraband in the form of "Military Time."
Location Evidence	Identify the Location in which the Contraband was found.
Found By	Name and Rank of person who found the contraband.
Evidence Description	Objectively describe the Contraband.
Quantity	Objectively identify the quantity by measuring, counting, weighing, etc.
Test Results	Identify the Test and the Test Results and the measurement results of the test when possible.
Disposition Date	Identify what was done to the Contraband (e.g., destroyed at SLED, date, witnesses).
Receipt Number	This is the number of the sealed container when contraband is turned over to SLED, local law enforcement agencies, or any other receipting system used by the institution.

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s/Bryan P. Stirling, Director

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