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PURPOSE

To provide policy for how the Inmate Identification Cards will be issued, carried and used within the facilities of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS).

GENERAL

The inmate identification (ID) cards will assist in the processing of canteen orders, aid in identification and be used for other purposes as identified by this regulation and the Warden. Inmate ID cards will be re-issued as determined necessary by NDCS team members.

PROCEDURE

I. CARD PRODUCTION AND ISSUE

The inmate ID cards will be produced by the appropriate facility staff at the time of the inmate's arrival. The inmate's picture will be completed utilizing the inmate ID format. The format includes the inmate's photograph, committed name, legal name (if different), physical description, inmate facility identification number, expiration date (TRD) and the inmate's signature. Pictures should be taken from the top of the shoulder to the top of the head. The background color shall be the standard background color assigned to the inmate ID card. The inmate ID picture should reflect the inmate's normal daily appearance (i.e., with glasses, if the glasses are worn, hair must be dry, etc.). The picture shall be taken, reviewed for correct information (scanned to ensure validity of information) and issued to the inmate within 48 hours of arrival, excluding weekends and holidays (Attachment A). Each inmate will sign a receipt when issued an ID card. Such receipt shall acknowledge not only receipt of the ID card, but also that the card must be kept on the inmate's person at all times when outside of his/her cell.

The warden of the facility will have discretion to temporarily authorize a change to the background color of the ID from the common standard (yellow) to help staff more easily verify inmates custody level and/or program involvement where it is deemed appropriate. For example, a facility that has multiple custody levels and separates inmates living assignments based on their custody and/or program involvement. Inmates with IDs that do not meet the standard color must be reissued new IDs with the standard color prior to a change of custody, transfer or release.


II. REISSUE OF CARDS

A. Significant Changes

When an inmate's appearance significantly changes (weight gain/loss, hair color, hair length, facial hair, aging) staff who make the observation will forward a written request for a new picture to the appropriate facility/program contact. This written request should contain the specific reason for the card reissue.

B. Lost, Missing, Damaged or Destroyed Card

A disciplinary committee can order restitution for cards that are lost, missing, intentionally damaged or destroyed. The card will be replaced within two working days. If the lost card is recovered at a later date, the inmate must surrender it immediately to staff. The inmate will not be reimbursed for the cost of the reproduced card.

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C. Replacement Cost

The replacement cost of the card shall be \$1.50.

III. ISSUE OF CARDS

If an inmate is transferred to another NDCS facility, the inmate ID card shall be transferred by the transportation officer. The inmate shall not have the ID card on his/her person during the transport. The receiving institution shall receive the inmate ID card and shall issue the ID card to the inmate. The inmate shall sign a receipt when provided the ID card at the receiving institution.

IV. RETURN OF CARD

Prior to leaving the facility at discharge or parole, the inmate will relinquish the ID card. The inmate ID card will be forwarded to the records office for disposal.


V. RESPONSIBILITY OF INMATES

The following regulations apply:

- A. Inmate ID cards must be worn whenever outside of the inmate's assigned room except when going to and from the shower. This is also applicable to inmates assigned to community corrections centers; however, they are not required to wear the inmate ID card when not on NDCS grounds.

Inmate ID cards must be worn on the outer most garment, (collar, shirt pocket, coat, etc.) where it is readily and completely visible and shall not be clipped on any part of the inmate's pants or belt.

- B. Inmate ID cards are the property of NDCS.
- C. Cards must be presented to any NDCS or contracted staff upon request.
- D. ID clips will be provided to inmates at no cost.
- E. Inmate ID cards must be used during all canteen purchases.
- F. Inmate ID cards may not be given to any other inmate or unauthorized person; inmates may not be in possession of another inmate's card.
- G. Inmate ID cards may not be altered or damaged.
- H. Lost, missing, damaged or destroyed inmate ID cards must be immediately reported to facility staff.
- I. Lost, missing or intentionally damaged or destroyed inmate ID cards will be replaced. The cost of replacing the ID card may only be charged to the inmate following a guilty finding by an institutional inmate discipline committee (IDC or UDC).
- J. Inmate ID cards must be returned upon discharge or parole.

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K. Inmate ID cards may not be used for any purpose except as defined in this Policy.

Failure to follow any of these regulations could result in a misconduct report for an applicable offense.

VI. USES OF THE INMATE ID CARD

- A. Inmate ID cards must be presented to canteen operators in order for the inmate to make purchases in the facility canteen. The ID card will contain a bar code that is unique to that inmate. The bar code will be scanned to call up the inmate's canteen account on the computer. Prior to initiating a sale, canteen operators will compare the picture and signature on the card to the inmate presenting it to ensure proper identification. No transactions will be made without an ID card on general population status.
- B. An inmate will relinquish his/her ID card prior to leaving on a scheduled travel order. The Shift Supervisor will compare the picture ID card with the inmate to verify identity for the travel order.
- C. Staff may require an inmate present his/her ID card upon request. The card may be used to identify inmates for misconduct reports, incident reports or other documentation where identification is necessary. If the appearance of an inmate causes a visual discrepancy between the inmate and their ID card for a picture card count, NDCS staff should follow the steps described in II.A above.

REFERENCE

- I. STATUTORY REFERENCE – None noted
- II. NDCS POLICIES – None noted
- III. ATTACHMENTS
 - A. Inmate Identification Card
- IV. AMERICAN CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION (ACA) – None noted