



GENERAL MANAGER INSTRUCTION 05/2019

ESCORT RISK ASSESSMENTS – SEARCHING REQUIREMENTS

This GMI replaces GMI 03/2019

With immediate effect, all detainees escorted from the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) where a risk assessment is required (i.e. all escorts other than those for court), including health escorts, must be assessed as to the level of search required prior to the escort.

Current searching arrangements for Court Transport Unit (CTU) escorts will continue until the finalisation of a new *Searching Policy*.

The level of search must be the least intrusive type of search appropriate to the situation considering the circumstances and desired outcome.

Escort forms on CIS have been updated to reflect this change. Outdated forms must not be used.

Strip searches

Strip searching should only be selected where there is current intelligence, or reasonable suspicion, indicating a credible risk relating to:

- escape;
- contraband; or
- violence.

Reasons for requiring a strip-search must be clear, relevant and recorded on the risk assessment.

Staff are instructed that all strip searches (in any ACTCS facility) must be recorded on CIS under 'Assignments' and include:

- Detainee name
- Date and time of the search
- Specific reasons for requiring a strip search
- Names of all officers present
- Details of any seized item/s.

This instruction will be reviewed no longer than six (6) months from the date of endorsement.


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