



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5120:1-12-05 Sanitation and environmental conditions.

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(A) Each twelve-hour facility shall maintain the following minimum standards in regard to sanitation and environmental conditions of the facility:

(1) (Essential) All areas of a twelve-hour facility will be safe and sanitary, including the food service and laundry areas. Staff and prisoners will have specific housekeeping responsibilities, including but not limited to:

(a) Daily cleaning of toilets, urinals, sinks, and drinking facilities in areas occupied by prisoners:

(b) Weekly sanitation inspections:

(c) Regular maintenance and repairs.

(2) (Important) All grounds, walkways, driveways, and parking areas will be illuminated at night.

(3) (Essential) The facility will be inspected annually by local or state health authorities and a written report shall be provided. There will be a written plan to correct jail-related deficiencies.

(4) (Essential) The facility will be inspected once a month for insects, vermin, and rodents. Treatment will be provided as needed by a licensed exterminator. The jail will maintain documentation of the inspections and any necessary extermination treatments.

(5) (Important) The facility will maintain documentation that the interior lighting is at least fifteen foot-candles, measured thirty inches above the floor, in prisoner accessible areas and reducible to between two to four foot candles during sleeping hours.

(6) (Important) Supply and equipment storage areas will be clean and orderly.



(7) (Essential) The facility will be inspected annually by a certified local or state fire safety inspector applying the applicable jurisdictional and Ohio Fire Code. The jail will have a written plan to correct any jail-related deficiencies. The jail will maintain documentation of the inspections and any corrective measures taken.

(8) (Essential) the facility will have a written fire safety plan approved by local fire officials that is reviewed annually and updated as needed. The plan will include fire prevention, training and drills, fire response, and post-fire documentation and review. A current copy of the plan will be maintained at the local fire department.

(9) (Important) Training in jail fire safety will be conducted annually.

(10) (Essential) Fire drills will be conducted at intervals not to exceed 90 days, on each shift, so that fire drills are conducted annually.

(11) (Essential) Jail facility exists will be clear and evacuation routes will be posted or clearly marked throughout the facility.