

# **State of Iowa Department of Corrections**

## **Policy and Procedures**

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ACA Standards: N/A  
PREA Standards: 115.18(a)  
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### **1. PURPOSE**

To describe minimum space, furnishings, and other related requirements for incarcerated individual housing areas in Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC) institutions. The housing areas must promote the safety and well being of both incarcerated individuals and staff.

### **2. POLICY**

Each DOC facility shall maintain compliance with Federal, State, and Local code, rules, and regulations concerning the facility's physical plant. Newly constructed facilities shall be designed and built in accordance with applicable American Correctional Association (ACA) and Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards. Whenever extensive reconstruction or remodeling is undertaken, ACA and PREA standards shall be reviewed and, when feasible, implemented. Existing facilities which do not meet ACA standards shall, when feasible, implement operational procedures which serve to mitigate deficiencies in the physical plant.

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### **3. DEFINITIONS – As used in this document:**

- A. Unencumbered Space - Usable space that is not encumbered by furnishings or fixtures
- B. See IDOC Policy **AD-GA-16** for additional Definitions.

### **4. PROCEDURES**

#### **A. Design and Planning**

Design and planning activity will focus on incorporating the requirements of this policy and other associated codes, statutes, and standards to meet all laws.

#### **B. Assessments**

Each Warden shall in conjunction with the Plant Operation Manager, maintain a current assessment of their institution. The results of this assessment and options for remediation of deficits will be reviewed with the Deputy Director of Institution Operations annually.

#### **C. ACA Standards**

ACA standards shall be reviewed during the planning of any new construction or renovation for incarcerated individual housing. As noted in the policy statement, each DOC facility shall maintain compliance with Federal, State, and Local code, rules, and regulations concerning the facility's physical plant. Newly constructed housing units when feasible, shall be designed and built in accordance with applicable ACA standards. Whenever extensive reconstruction or remodeling is undertaken, ACA standards shall be reviewed and, when feasible, implemented. Existing facilities which do not meet ACA standards

shall, when feasible, implement operational procedures which serve to mitigate deficiencies in the physical plant.

#### **D. PREA Standards**

When designing or acquiring any new facility and in planning any substantial expansion or modification of existing facilities, IDOC shall consider the effect of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon the facility's ability to protect incarcerated individuals from sexual violence. **(PREA 115.18(a))**