

#### STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICY DIRECTIVE

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Section 1: Building and Safety Codes		Effective Date: Feb. 1, 1997
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# I. POLICY

The Montana Department of Corrections will ensure safe and efficient maintenance of all facilities and comply with applicable codes, ordinances, and policies.

## II. APPLICABILITY

All Department divisions, facilities, and programs excluding contracted facilities and employees of contracted facilities.

## **III. DEFINITIONS:**

<u>Administrator</u> – The official, regardless of local title (division or facility administrator, bureau chief, warden, superintendent), ultimately responsible for the division, facility or program operation and management.

<u>Facility/Program</u> – Refers to any division, prison, secure care correctional facility, correctional or training program, or community-based program under Department jurisdiction or contract. This term includes the facility building or residence, including property and land owned or leased and operated by the Department.

## **IV. DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES**

#### A. Code Compliance

1. Facilities will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local building codes and ordinances and will maintain current records on all code compliance/non-compliance issues including violations and corrective actions. Non-compliance issues should be directed to the administrator who will take measures to comply at the earliest possible date.

#### **B.** Maintenance-Related Documents

- 1. The facility administrator, or designee, is responsible for maintaining blueprints, drawings, and specifications to include the following:
  - a. alterations or additions;
  - b. dates and authorization of alterations or additions;
  - c. secure document storage; and
  - d. availability for emergency use.

#### C. Facility Modifications

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- 1. Excluding regularly scheduled maintenance, written approval will be obtained from the Department Director, or designee, before alterations or additions are made to facilities that either require a building permit or will affect:
  - a. any life safety system;
  - b. security of the facility;
  - c. esthetic appearance;
  - d. housing capacity; or
  - e. welfare of the staff or offenders.

### **D.** Preventive Maintenance Programs

- 1. Each facility administrator, or designee, will outline a system of preventive maintenance including:
  - a. persons responsible for the preventive maintenance program;
  - b. schedule for periodic inspection, lubrication, minor adjustment and servicing of plant equipment and systems;
  - c. inspection documentation including:
    - 1) date of inspection;
    - 2) name of inspector;
    - 3) significant findings; and
    - 4) repairs necessary.
  - d. inspection documents shall be forwarded to the manager of maintenance;
  - e. equipment that affects human habitation will receive frequent inspections and preventive maintenance; and
  - f. log books and/or files will be maintained to serve as permanent records of inspections and repairs.

## V. CLOSING

Questions concerning this policy shall be directed to the Administrator.

## VI. REFERENCES

- A. <u>53-1-203</u>, MCA (2009), Powers and Duties of Department of Corrections
- B. DOC Policies <u>3.2.10</u>, Fire & Life Safety; <u>3.2.13</u>, Safety Inspections

## **VII. ATTACHMENTS**

None