



**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
MONTANA STATE PRISON
OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE**

Procedure:	MSP 3.1.4 PERIMETER SECURITY	
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I. PURPOSE

To ensure security measures are in place which enable Montana State Prison (MSP) to maintain a secure perimeter around facility compounds which will protect the public, staff, visitors, and inmates.

II. DEFINITIONS

Associate Warden (AW) of Security – The person designated by the Warden to manage all MSP security operations.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Responsibility

1. The AW of Security, AW of Operations and/or Maintenance Supervisor are jointly responsible for the maintenance and functioning of the MSP perimeter security system.

B. Security Measures

1. Barriers for MSP are as follows:
 - a. there must be a minimum of a 20-foot separation between the secure perimeter fences, and sufficient rolled and tape-type razor ribbon will be in place on all perimeter fences to deter penetration or mounting of these fences;
 - b. vegetation growth inside and outside the compounds and along the secure perimeter will be controlled through the use of weed killers, mowing, trimming, etc.;
 - c. to deter aircraft landing, the Warden may authorize the installation of "ground clutter" inside the fenced compounds in the form of trees, light standards, or high mast poles with cables strung between them and buildings;
 - d. the front and rear entrances of the secure compound will incorporate sally ports that are interlocked in such a way that only one of the two doors or gates can be opened at any time; and
 - e. in compounds with less secure perimeters, the Warden must ensure that adequate measures are in place to prevent unauthorized exit or entry.
2. Detection Systems are as follows:
 - a. the electronic intrusion detection system will be monitored in the control center or another continuously manned post.
3. The lighting at MSP is as follows:

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- a. the secure perimeter and all adjacent areas will have adequate lighting sufficient to provide visibility of the secure perimeter and the facility's compounds under all reasonably foreseeable weather conditions;
 - b. the high-intensity, high-mast perimeter lighting must be connected to a generator backup system;
 - c. supplementary lighting may be instituted in the event of an emergency, or limited visibility weather conditions.
4. The patrols and surveillance at MSP are as follows:
- a. the direct perimeter surveillance consists of vehicular patrol and tower posts;
 - b. these posts will be manned seven days a week, 24 hours a day, by armed staff. Selected posts may be left unmanned at designated times based on the security needs of the facility as determined by the AW of Security or the Shift Commander; -and
 - c. additional posts may be instituted in the event of an emergency, or limited visibility weather conditions, i.e., fog, snow, rain, or dust, etc., which affects the ability to see clearly.

IV. CLOSING

Questions concerning this procedure will be directed to the AW of Security.

V. ATTACHMENTS

None