



Administrative Policies and Procedures: 23.2

Subject:	Environmental Conditions in Youth Development Centers and DCS Group Homes
Authority:	TCA 37-5-101, 37-5-102, 37-5-105, 37-5-106
Standards:	ACA: 3-JTS-4B-03, 3-JTS-2C-08, 3-JTS-2D-01, 3-JTS-2D-03, 3-JTS-2D-04; DCS Practice Standard: 8-306
Application:	To All Department of Children's Services Youth Development Center and Group Home Employees

Policy Statement:

All Department of Children's Services Juvenile Justice Facilities shall maintain clean and healthful working and living environments that comply with State and Federal codes, regulations, laws and policies.

Purpose:

To ensure all juvenile justice facilities are environmentally maintained to comply with federal and state codes, regulations, laws and policies to promote and preserve the health and well-being of youth and staff, and to promote facility order and security.

Procedures:

A. Environmental conditions	<p>The following environmental conditions must be tested every three (3) years or as modifications are made to the facility.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Airflow must be at least 15 cubic feet of outside or re-circulated air per minute per person in all living units, workstations, and dining areas. 2. Temperatures in indoor living and work areas are appropriate to summer and winter comfort zones. 3. Noise levels in youth development center living units do not exceed 70 dBA (A scale) in daytime hours or 45 dBA (A scale) in nighttime hours. 4. Hot water temperatures should be no less than 100° F and no more than 120° F for showers. 5. Lighting levels must be at least 20-foot candles at desk level and in the personal grooming area.
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B. Water supply	The facility's potable water source and supply is approved by an independent outside source to be in compliance with jurisdictional laws and regulations.
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Collateral documents:	<i>None</i>
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