

Chapter: Rules for State-Operated Programs and Facilities Subchapter: Program Services Division: Basic Services Rule: Clothing, Bedding, Hygiene, and Hairstyles ACA: 4-JCF-4B-07 Statute(s): N/A	Effective Date: 4/15/15 Page: 1 of 2 Replaces: GAP.380.9105, 1/17/06
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RULE

(a) **Purpose.**

This rule provides for adequate and appropriate clothing and bedding for youth in residential facilities. This rule also provides guidelines concerning personal appearance that are no more restrictive than necessary to maintain security and order and to promote rehabilitative goals.

(b) **Applicability.**

This rule applies only to youth in high and medium restriction facilities operated by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD).

(c) **Clothing Requirements.**

- (1) Facilities may require all youth to wear uniform clothing to promote safe and efficient facility operations. Dress code requirements are based upon the youth's progress in the agency's established rehabilitation program.
- (2) TJJD facilities provide youth with clothing that is clean, fitted properly, and appropriate to the weather and activity.
- (3) Youth are required to comply with the TJJD dress code.
- (4) TJJD ensures each youth is provided clean clothing at least three times per week, except clean underwear and socks, which are provided daily.
- (5) As needed, the facility issues:
 - (A) clothing for temporary use in special events such as community employment or service, sports, or high school graduation; and
 - (B) protective clothing for work activity.
- (6) Youth who have achieved higher stages in the TJJD rehabilitation program may be allowed to purchase some personal clothing. See [§380.9107](#) of this title.
- (7) Youth are not permitted to purchase or possess any clothing that:
 - (A) makes reference to gangs, drugs, alcohol, sex, obscene language, violent acts; or
 - (B) shows disrespect to any group or class of people.

(d) **Linens.**

Clean linens are provided for each youth at least once per week and are readily available for emergencies. Each youth is provided at least two sheets, a blanket, and a pillowcase, unless the youth is placed in suicide-resistant housing by a mental health professional.

(e) **Hygiene Products.**

Youth are provided appropriate and adequate hygiene products.

(f) **Piercing.**

- (1) Youth in high restriction facilities are not permitted to wear earrings or other piercing paraphernalia.
- (2) Youth in medium restriction facilities may be restricted from wearing earrings if unique health or safety issues arise. These restrictions are made on a case-by-case basis and are documented.

(g) **Hairstyles.**

- (1) Youth in high and medium restriction facilities are required to adhere to certain hairstyle requirements, unless a religious accommodation is granted under [§380.9121](#) of this title.
- (2) Males must be clean-shaven, unless an exception is ordered by a medical provider. Sideburns may not extend below the middle of the ear.
- (3) Females will be allowed to shave as appropriate.
- (4) TJJJD provides barber and beautician services and instructions on acceptable hairstyles.
- (5) Fads and extreme hairstyles are not permitted, such as mohawks, spikes, tails, partially shaved heads, or designs cut into the hair or eyebrows.
- (6) The following additional hairstyle requirements apply to youth in high restriction facilities.
 - (A) Hairstyle requirements are based upon the youth's progress in the agency's rehabilitation program.
 - (B) Females may be required to keep their hair length above the shoulder if there is reason to believe the youth may use her hair for self-injury, to conceal objects used for self-injury, or to obscure staff's view of the neckline and conceal evidence of self-injury. Individual restrictions and the justification shall be documented.
 - (C) Females may be required to tie their hair up or back in a ponytail with one elastic hair tie provided by the facility if the hair is long enough to obscure staff's view of the neckline or face.
 - (D) Hairstyles that may conceal contraband may be temporarily restricted, such as:
 - (i) buns;
 - (ii) thick braids;
 - (iii) curly hair that stands out more than two inches from the head; or
 - (iv) use of multiple hair ties.

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- See [INS.17.15](#), [INS.17.35](#), and [INS.19.01](#) for implementation procedures in institutions.
 - See [HWH.13.05](#) for implementation procedures in halfway houses.