



TEXAS
JUVENILE JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT

Memo

To: TJJJ Staff
From: Shandra Carter, Executive Director
Subject: Clarification of certain major rule violations
Date: April 4, 2024

The purpose of this memo is to provide clarity and establish boundaries for conduct formerly considered to violate the major rule violations of Masturbating in an Open and Obvious Way and Exposing the Anus, Buttocks, Breasts, or Genitals. It is not considered a violation of the rules when **all of the following are true**:

- 1) all youth have been placed in their assigned rooms for the night;
- 2) lights in the rooms have been turned off;
- 3) the youth is lying on their bed in the youth's assigned room; and
- 4) the youth is sufficiently covered by a blanket to ensure that the youth's genitals and buttocks are not exposed.

If a youth displays conduct in a manner other than the stated boundaries, the youth is subject to disciplinary consequences for either the major rule violation of Masturbating in an Open and Obvious Way or the major rule violation of Exposing the Anus, Buttocks, Breasts, or Genitals, depending on the facts. A CCF-225 should be written for any youth whose conduct does not stay within those boundaries, as long as the conduct meets the elements of a major rule violation.

Please contact your supervisor with any questions.