

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION  
509**

**PROTECTIVE SEGREGATION**

**Supersedes:** AR 509 (06/17/12) and AR 509 (Temporary, 06/05/13)  
**Effective Date:** 10/15/13

**AUTHORITY:**

NRS 209.341  
NRS 209.351

**RESPONSIBILITY**

The Director of the Department of Corrections is responsible to provide adequate housing for those inmates requiring Protective Segregation.

Institutional Classification Committees are responsible for investigating, identifying and classifying Protective Segregation inmates.

**509.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. Inmates may require separation and/or secure housing to ensure their physical safety and well-being or for institutional security. These general provisions are for both voluntary and involuntary Protective Segregation.
2. Protective Segregation may be used voluntarily or involuntarily, but it will never be used as a form of punishment.
3. Inmates requesting protection should be placed in Administrative Segregation pending classification pursuant to the Department's Administrative Regulation 507.
4. The classification committee will schedule a hearing and conduct a classification review as soon as practicable after being informed of a request for Protective Segregation.
5. The committee will take reasonable steps to ensure that an inmate is not permitted entry into a Protective Segregation unit under false pretenses. The committee should be cautious to ensure the inmate is not requesting Protective Segregation to access enemies or for housing convenience.

6. The following steps will be used to manage inmates who require separation from other inmates for their protection. A transfer to general population at a different institution should be considered prior to Protective Segregation.

- A. Preference will be given to transfer to a different institution or;
- B. Assignment to an area of the Department designated for Protective Segregation, or;
- C. Transfer to another state under provisions of the Interstate Corrections Compact.

7. All inmates admitted to or released from Protective Segregation require a classification review to be done in accordance with AR 503 – Conduct of Objective Classification and AR 506 - Reclassification Schedule

8. After the classification committee hearing, a classification case note documenting the hearing, will be entered in the Nevada Offender Tracking Information System (NOTIS). If an inmate is being placed in Protective Segregation;

- A. A Central Monitoring Status Sheet (DOC Form 2023) will be completed for the I-File.
- B. Protective Segregation status will be entered in the Offender Care in Placement screen in NOTIS.
- C. A Protective Segregation Alert will be entered in NOTIS.

9. Protective Segregation will not be permitted without approval of the classification committee or without documentation that the status is warranted and no reasonable alternatives are available.

10. The Protective Segregation status will be reviewed at each (6) month review to determine whether reasons for the placement continue and with the goal of terminating the Protective Segregation status housing, if possible, with the ultimate goal of the inmate reintegrating into general population.

11. All inmates in Protective Segregation will be classified as close custody.

#### **509.02 VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT TO PROTECTIVE SEGREGATION**

1. The inmate shall provide the Classification Committee with the names of his or her enemies and a reason why the enemy situation exists and/or a reason why Protective Segregation is needed. If names are not known or available, the inmate must provide the committee with appropriate justification and must cooperate with any investigation regarding their placement in protective segregation.

2. Admission to Protective Segregation will be fully documented with consent by the inmate noted in appropriate classification case notes.
3. An inmate who has been voluntarily placed in Protective Segregation may request a classification hearing to discuss removal from that status.
  - A. This request must be made in writing by the inmate.
  - B. The inmate will be scheduled and seen by the classification committee to consider his or her request.
4. If the inmate is approved to leave Protective Segregation:
  - A. The caseworker will have the inmate sign a Protective Segregation Waiver (DOC Form 2084).
  - B. The caseworker will fill out a Central Monitoring Status Sheet for the I-File.
  - C. The Protective Segregation designation will be “released” on the Care in Placement screen in NOTIS and the Protective Segregation alert will be “expired”.
5. The committee may require the inmate to remain in Protective Segregation involuntarily. In such instances, the procedural safeguards set forth in 509.03 of this regulation shall apply.

### **509.03 INVOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT TO PROTECTIVE SEGREGATION**

1. When an inmate is involuntarily assigned to, or required to remain in Protective Segregation, the classification committee should consider the following general considerations.
  - A. The decision should be based on evidence that the inmates or institution’s safety and/or security would be in jeopardy if the inmate was in general population.
  - B. The security or safety threat should continue to be evident in reviews by the classification committee in order to retain an inmate in Protective Segregation.
  - C. If it appears a safety or security threat no longer exists, the inmate should be scheduled for a classification committee hearing to determine if he or she can be moved to the general population.

### **509.04 PROTECTIVE SEGREGATION MANAGEMENT**

1. Inmates housed in Protective Segregation units will have the same canteen, educational, programming and recreational privileges, as those in general population, which do not conflict with institutional safety or security.

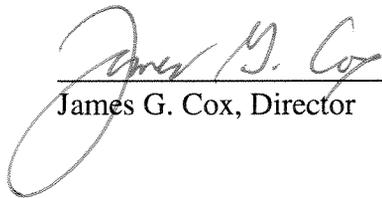
2. Protective Segregation units may be managed differently at different institutions, depending on the security needs and management of the institution.

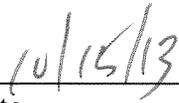
3. This section is not intended to affect restrictions which may be imposed by the Disciplinary Committee.

**APPLICABILITY**

1. This AR requires an Operational Procedure at locations housing Protective Segregation inmates.

2. This AR requires an audit.

  
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