

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
518**

AUSTERE HOUSING

Supersedes: AR 518 (Temporary, 05/16/10)
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AUTHORITY

NRS 209.131

RESPONSIBILITY:

.The Wardens/Facility Managers are responsible for implementing this regulation at the institution or facility.

An Associate Warden is responsible to ensure staff are trained in this procedure.

Staff is responsible to have knowledge of and comply with this procedure.

518.01 AUSTERE HOUSING

1. Institutions may designate units or cells in which austere housing (AH) is to be served.
 - A. Inmates will be classified as general population (close/medium/minimum) while serving in austere housing.
 - B. Austere housing sanction is considered a less severe sanction than disciplinary segregation.
 - C. Inmates serving an austere housing sanction are not required to be housed single cell.
2. Austere housing may only be imposed through the inmate disciplinary process.
 - A. A sanction up to 30 days may be imposed for a general violation.
 - B. A sanction up to 90 days may be imposed for a major or work release violation.
 - C. A maximum of 180 days of austere housing may be continuously served.

D. The Warden may modify a disciplinary segregation sanction to an austere housing sanction. This may not be delegated.

E. Austere housing may not be modified to disciplinary segregation.

F. Austere housing sanctions will be reduced 30 days for every 90 days of good conduct.

3. Inmates assigned to AH should not receive credit against their AH term for any day they do not serve in AH.

518.02 CONDITIONS OF AUSTERE HOUSING

1. The Warden may modify the conditions of AH on a case-by-case basis due to security concerns or other special needs (i.e. regional medical facility (RMF) housing or protective segregation housing).

2. To the degree practical AH Inmates should be managed in the same manner as other general population inmates at the institution with the following exceptions:

A. AH inmates should be locked down in cells after the evening meal.

B. AH inmates who do not have jobs or program assignments should remain in the unit or unit exercise area except for accessing the law library, medical facilities, religious services, mental health services, and culinary for meals.

C. Visiting may be limited to one day per week.

D. Canteen purchases will be limited to \$25.00 per week.

(1) No electrical appliances may be purchased while an inmate is serving an austere housing sanction.

(2) No participation in the package program (clothing and food) is authorized while an inmate is housed in austere housing.

(3) Inmates will not be allowed to order books while in austere housing.

3. Inmates will be permitted all their authorized property unless security of the unit dictates otherwise except as noted above. All unauthorized excess property will be disposed of per AR 711.

4. Wardens may have more restrictive environments than described above based on the limitations of the architecture of the individual institution and the Director's approval.

5. Wardens/designees may develop programs specific to AH inmates.

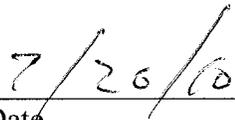
APPLICABILITY

1. This AR requires an Operational Procedure for all institutions/facilities.
2. This AR does not require an audit.

REFERENCES: ACA Standards 4-4262; 4-4267; 4-4271; 4-4273



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Date