

<p style="text-align: center;">STATE OF VERMONT AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>INTERIM MEMO:</u> STRIP SEARCHES OF INMATES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 1 of 1</p>
<p>Local Procedure(s) Required: No. Applicability: All staff (including contractors and volunteers) Security Level: "B" – Anyone may have access to this document.</p>		
<p>Approved:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>Andrew A. Pallito, Commissioner</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><u>3/6/15</u></p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>Date Signed</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>3/6/2015</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>Date Effective</p> </div> </div>		

All inmates will be strip searched by a correctional officer who has the same current anatomy as the inmate unless there are exigent circumstances. Correctional officers conducting or observing a strip search shall have the same anatomy as the inmate subject to the search except when exigent circumstances are such that delay could jeopardize the safety of the inmate, the officers, or the safety and security of the facility. If a cross-gender strip search is conducted, the correctional officer(s) must fill out an incident report documenting the exigent circumstances.

Inmates who identify as transgendered or intersex who have undergone gender reassignment surgery will be strip searched by a staff member with the same current anatomy as the inmate. Strip searches of transgender or intersex inmates shall be in accordance with the above procedure and DOC Administrative Directive 432.01 *Gender Identification, Care, and Custody*.

Anatomy is defined as the reproductive parts of a person's body which typically is used to determine whether a person is male or female.¹

¹ This is consistent with the definition in DOC Administrative Directive 432.01, *Gender Identification, Care, and Custody*.