



**SAN MATEO COUNTY
PROBATION DEPARTMENT
INSTITUTIONS SERVICES MANUAL**

**ARTICLE 10
Clothing and Personal Hygiene
§1484**

Topic Control of Vermin in Youth’s Personal Clothing

Policy Probation staff shall take precautions to control the contamination and/or spread of vermin and ecto-parasites in youth’s personal clothing.

1. Admissions staff shall inspect the clothing of incoming youth for vermin and ecto-parasites. Should vermin or ecto-parasites be detected, Admissions staff shall immediately notify the ISM-OD and the Medical Unit. Medical staff shall examine and treat the youth. Staff shall use latex gloves to place items that contain vermin in a sealed plastic bag or container that is clearly marked “contaminated.” Clothing shall be cleaned or stored in a closed container to eradicate or stop the spread of the vermin. Staff shall notify the youth’s parent or guardian to pick up the clothing.
2. All staff shall monitor youth clothing and rooms for potential vermin/ecto-parasites. Staff who detect or suspect vermin/ecto-parasites in an area shall immediately notify the ISM- OD, the Medical Unit, and Housekeeping staff. Staff shall prevent youth from entering the area of contamination. Medical staff shall examine and treat the youth. Housekeeping staff shall collaborate with the Medical Unit and as indicated, County Environmental Health on the decontamination of the area and extermination of pests.

See Procedures Manual on Control of Vermin in Youth’s Personal Clothing for further information.

3. Staff shall use latex gloves to place items that contain vermin/ecto-parasites in a sealed plastic bag or container that is clearly marked “contaminated.” Housekeeping staff shall work with trash disposal authorities regarding the disposal of vermin-infested items.
4. Housekeeping staff shall ensure that contaminated items are laundered at an appropriately high temperature and with an appropriate amount of laundry soap and bleach to kill any potentially infectious agents that have not been identified by staff.