



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

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

**Procedure
Control of Vermin in Youth's Personal Clothing**

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides general guidance regarding the control of vermin in youths personal clothing.

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." Anything below 3lbs can be placed in a garbage bag and thrown away at the outside dumpsters. Anything above 3lbs, Housekeeping will contact County Environmental Health and follow their guidelines as advised by Animal Control to have the area cleared of the vermin.

Housekeeping staff shall work with trash disposal authorities regarding the disposal of vermin-infested items.

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.

Staff will conduct a deep cleaning of the unit and youth rooms to ensure the living areas are sanitized.

See Policy Manual on the Control of Vermin in Youth personal Clothing for further information.