

**441—105.10(232) Control room—juvenile detention home only.**

**105.10(1) *Written policies.*** When a juvenile detention facility uses a control room as part of its service, the facility shall have written policies regarding its use and the facility director shall complete Form 470-0700, Evaluation and Recommendation to Operate a Control Room. The policy shall:

- a. Specify the behaviors resulting in control room placement.
- b. Delineate the staff members who may authorize its use as well as procedures for notification of supervisory personnel.
- c. Document in writing behaviors leading to control room placement and the nature of the agreement reached with the child that will allow the child to return to the living unit.

**105.10(2) *Physical requirements.*** The control room shall be designed to ensure a physically safe environment that:

- a. Has all switches controlling lights and ventilation outside of the room.
- b. Allows for total observation of the child at all times.
- c. Has protected recessed ceiling light.
- d. Has no electrical outlets in the room.
- e. Is properly heated, cooled and ventilated.
- f. Has all doors, ceilings and walls constructed of strength and materials as to prevent damage to the extent that no harm could come to the child.
- g. When a window is present, it is secured and protected in such a manner as to prevent harm to the child.
- h. Is a minimum of 6 feet by 9 feet in size with at least a 7½ foot ceiling.

**105.10(3) *Use.*** A control room shall be used only when a less restrictive alternative to quiet or allow the child to gain control has failed. Utilization of the control room shall be in accordance with the following policies:

- a. No more than one child shall be in the control room at any time.
- b. There shall be provision for visual observation of the child at all times, regardless of the child's position in the room.
- c. The control room should be checked thoroughly for safety and the absence of contraband prior to placing a child in the room.
- d. The child shall be thoroughly checked before placement in the control room and all potentially injurious objects removed from such child including shoes, belts, pocket items, and similar items. The staff member placing the child in the control room shall document such check.
- e. In no case shall all clothing or underwear be removed and the child shall be provided sufficient clothing to meet seasonal needs.
- f. A staff member shall always be positioned outside of the control room. Visual and auditory observations of the child's behavior and condition shall be recorded at five-minute intervals, and a complete written report shall be documented in the child's file by the end of the staff person's work shift.
- g. The child shall not remain in the control room longer than 1 hour except in consultation with and approval from the supervisor. Documentation in the child's case record shall include the time in the control room, the reasons for the control, and the reasons for the extension of time. Use of the control room for a total of more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period shall occur only in consultation with the referring agency or court. In no case shall a child be in a control room for a period longer than 24 hours.
- h. The child's parents, referring worker, and the child's attorney shall be notified when the control room is used for more than a total of 30 minutes in any 24-hour period.

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