201—50.2(356,356A) General provisions.

50.2(1) *Applicability.* These rules apply to all facilities regulated by Iowa Code chapters 356 and 356A except temporary holding facilities that are covered by 201—Chapter 51.

50.2(2) *Capacity.* Established capacities as determined by these rules shall not be exceeded except in the event of an emergency and then only for such a period of time as is necessary to arrange for alternate housing or release of sufficient prisoners to bring the number of persons confined into compliance with the rated capacity.

50.2(3) *Right to inspect and visit.* The chief jail inspector or authorized representatives shall visit and inspect jails and may do so on an unannounced basis. Jail personnel and supervisors shall cooperate in inspections and shall exhibit to the inspectors, upon request, all books, records, medical records, data, documents and accounts pertaining to a jail or to the prisoners confined and shall assist inspectors to perform the functions, powers and duties of their office. Provisions of the first paragraph of Iowa Code section 356.43 shall control to the extent of any inconsistency of the provisions of this subrule.

50.2(4) *Other standards.* Nothing contained in these standards shall be construed to prohibit local officials from adopting standards and requirements governing their employees and facilities, provided such standards and requirements exceed and do not conflict with standards mandated in this chapter. These standards shall not be construed as authority to violate any state fire safety standard, building standard, health and safety code, or any constitutional requirement. No jail shall be operated without substantially meeting these rules, absent the granting of a waiver.

50.2(5) *Equal opportunity.* Facilities, programs, and services shall be available on an equitable basis to both males and females even though each standard does not specify that it applies to both males and females.

50.2(6) *Nondiscriminatory treatment.* Each jail administrator shall ensure that staff and prisoners are not subject to discriminatory treatment based upon race, religion, nationality, disability, sex or age absent compelling reason for said discriminatory treatment. Discrimination on the basis of a disability is prohibited in the provision of services, programs, and activities.

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