
Inmate Searches

801.1 FRISK SEARCHES

In an effort to eliminate the passage of contraband into the detention center, detention officers will be required to frisk search every inmate upon their admission to the facility. All contraband found on an inmate is subject to confiscation pursuant to the procedures set forth in this policy.

801.2 STRIP SEARCHES

To ensure the security and the safety of the MONTGOMERY COUNTY DETENTION CENTER and to prevent the passage of contraband into the facility, officers will strip search newly admitted inmates. All inmates confined to general housing must be strip searched. Any searches of inmates already committed to general housing can only be strip searched upon a security need. All strip searches are to be conducted in a professional manner, pursuant to the procedures stipulated in this policy.

801.3 BODY CAVITY SEARCHES

In extremely limited cases, a body cavity search of an inmate may be conducted to control the passage of contraband into the facility, provided that: (1) an officer has probable cause to believe that an inmate is concealing contraband; and (2) the Sheriff/ Detention Administrator / Designee has approved the body cavity search prior to it being conducted; and (3) a search warrant has been obtained authorizing the body cavity search. Under no circumstances will body cavity searches be conducted by detention officers. Rather, all body cavity searches will be conducted by authorized medical personnel. Body cavity searches will not be conducted to punish or harass an inmate.