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Search vehicles

Overview

This standard is about searching all types of passenger and goods vehicles using manual and electronic equipment in a custodial environment.

There are two elements

1 Prepare to search vehicles
2 Search vehicles for unauthorised items and people

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Prepare to search vehicles

You must be able to:

P1   identify and record vehicles in accordance with your organisation's procedures, including the:

    P1.1   driver

    P1.2   passengers

    P1.3   contents

    P1.4   origin

    P1.5   destination

    P1.6   purpose of the visit

P2   verify information with relevant people in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P3   carry out preliminary checks of vehicles and the conduct of people inside in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P4   assess risks presented by vehicles in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P5   select most relevant methods to search vehicles in accordance with identified risks and your organisation's procedures

Search vehicles for unauthorised items and people

You must be able to:

P6   check vehicles are parked in designated search area in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P7   use appropriate equipment and techniques to search vehicles, in accordance with:

    P7.1   types of vehicles

    P7.2   assessed level of risk

P8   operate equipment in line with manufacturer's guidelines

P9   search vehicles and their contents in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P10 deal with unauthorised items in accordance with legal requirements and your organisation's procedures

P11 deal with people in accordance with legal requirements and your organisation's procedures

P12 maintain the health and safety of all involved throughout searches in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P13 deal with people in accordance with their rights and your organisation's procedures

P14 complete required records in accordance with your organisation's procedures

P15 share information with relevant people throughout search processes in accordance with your organisation's procedures

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

K1   the importance of identifying, recording and checking information about all aspects of searches

K2   types of behaviour and conduct of people that could be suspicious

K3   types of risks presented by different kinds of vehicles and contents

K4   how to assess risks presented by vehicles

K5   methods to search vehicles and how to select correct methods

K6   the importance of making sure vehicles are parked in designated search areas

K7   the range of techniques and equipment available for searching vehicles, and when to use them

K8   manufacturer's guidelines for use and maintenance of equipment

K9   how to carry out routine maintenance of equipment

K10 priority areas of vehicles that may be used to conceal items and people

K11 procedures for dealing with unauthorised items and people discovered during searches

K12 health and safety hazards that may be present when searching vehicles and how to minimise these

K13 records concerning searches of vehicles and how to complete them

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Additional Information

Glossary	**Relevant people** can refer to individuals, others relevant or significant to individuals, staff in your own agency including investigating teams or staff from other agencies.
	Organisational procedures can include prison service instructions, prison policies, legislative policies and any other policies and procedures used across custodial care in the UK.

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