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Complete searches using dogs



Overview

This standard is about preparing for and carrying out searches of custodial environments using dogs.

The standard covers searching for people, items and substances. It applies to custodial environments and vehicles.

There are two elements

- 1 Prepare for searches using dogs
- 2 Carry out searches using dogs

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Performance criteria

Prepare for searches using dogs

You must be able to:

- P1 obtain information to complete searches in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P2 clarify anything that is unclear in the information obtained in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P3 locate search areas in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P4 take actions in different search conditions in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P5 prepare dogs for searches in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P6 clear search areas of people not involved in searches in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P7 remove items that might be damaged by dogs in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P8 check all items being removed do not contain any unauthorised objects and substances in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P9 give unauthorised individuals opportunities to declare their position in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P10 take actions with unauthorised individuals in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P11 check search areas are accessible to dogs in accordance with your organisation's procedures

Carry out searches using dogs

You must be able to:

- P12 control dogs in a way that maintains their performance in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P13 review the health and safety of all those involved in searches in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P14 direct dogs to complete searches of areas in accordance with your organisation's procedures

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- P15 assist dogs to perform to their best by offering rewards in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P16 give dogs time to carry out searches in accordance with organisational timescales
- P17 check search operations adhere to search instructions in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P18 take actions when dogs indicate unauthorised items, substances and people in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P19 deal with individuals respectfully in accordance with their rights and your organisation's procedures
- P20 maintain communication with relevant people during searches in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P21 complete required records in accordance with your organisation's procedures

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 what information is required to complete searches
- K2 how to complete searches using dogs
- K3 organisational procedures for completing searches using dogs
- K4 approaches to take in situations where search areas are unfamiliar
- K5 different types of search conditions
- K6 how different search conditions affect searches
- K7 how to search areas
- K8 characteristics of dogs
- K9 how to locate dogs' records of service
- K10 general layouts of custodial areas to be searched
- K11 types of hazards that may be present
- K12 how to deal with different hazards
- K13 reasons why areas must be cleared of people not involved in searches
- K14 reasons why items that may be damaged by dogs must be removed
- K15 reasons why removed items must also be searched
- K16 how to control dogs during searches
- K17 how to get best performances from dogs
- K18 how to maintain health and safety during searches
- K19 procedures for maintaining communications with others during searches
- K20 contingency plans in place for searches using dogs
- K21 legislation relating to using dogs in searches
- K22 ways in which unauthorised goods can be concealed
- K23 ways in which people can hide within areas
- K24 actions to take if unauthorised goods and people are found
- K25 health and safety procedures of custodial establishments
- K26 individuals' rights
- K27 how to respect individuals' rights
- K28 the importance of keeping records
- how to keep records
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- K30 the purpose of different reports you are responsible for submitting

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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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