

(c) In accordance with N.J.S.A. 30:1-16, the Department of Corrections has the authority to institute a civil action in the appropriate county court or Superior Court to remedy improper conditions in a municipal detention facility.

(d) A written variance from minimum standards may be granted by the Department of Corrections in instances where:

1. The municipal detention facility is not in compliance with one or several of the requirements of the minimum standards; but
2. The municipal detention facility is in compliance with the general intent and purpose of the minimum standards; and
3. The Department has determined that to require the facility to comply strictly with all requirements of the minimum standards would result in an undue hardship to the overall management of the municipal detention facility.

Recodified from 10A:34-2.4 and amended by R.1997 d.129, effective March 17, 1997 (operative April 6, 1997).
See: 29 N.J.R. 298(a), 29 N.J.R. 886(a).

In (d), substituted "minimum standards" for "Standards". Former section recodified to N.J.A.C. 10A:34-2.2.

10A:34-2.4 Codes, regulations and laws

(a) Municipal detention facilities shall be in conformance with all applicable public health and safety codes, set forth by the State of New Jersey, the county and municipality in which the facility is located.

(b) New construction, alterations, additions and repairs of municipal detention facilities shall comply with the State Uniform Construction Code Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-119 et seq., the Uniform Construction Code Rules, N.J.A.C. 5:23-1.1 et seq., and with this subchapter.

(c) All municipal detention facilities shall be in compliance with the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, N.J.A.C. 5:18-1.1 et seq., in all aspects of fire safety.

Recodified from 10A:34-2.5 by R.1997 d.129, effective March 17, 1997 (operative April 6, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 298(a), 29 N.J.R. 886(a).

Former section recodified to N.J.A.C. 10A:34-2.3.

10A:34-2.5 Notification of intent to construct or renovate a municipal detention facility

(a) A letter of intent to construct or renovate a municipal detention facility shall be submitted to the Chief, Bureau of County Services, Department of Corrections, by the authority responsible for the municipal detention facility.

(b) Upon receipt of the letter of intent, the Chief, Bureau of County Services, shall furnish technical assistance throughout the planning process to assure that the detention facility complies with this subchapter.

(c) All plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Chief, Bureau of County Services and copies also shall be submitted to any other authorities as required by law.

(d) Contracts for new construction, alterations, additions and repairs shall not be executed until final plan approval is received in writing from the Chief, Bureau of County Services and other authorities as required by law.

Recodified from 10A:34-2.6 by R.1997 d.129, effective March 17, 1997 (operative April 6, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 298(a), 29 N.J.R. 886(a).

Former section recodified to N.J.A.C. 10A:34-2.4.

10A:34-2.6 Cells specifications

(a) Cells shall provide for single occupancy and, when feasible, shall be located in close proximity to the control area.

(b) Cells in new or renovated facilities shall have a minimum of 60 square feet of floor space, with a seven foot width and eight foot high ceiling.

(c) Cell walls shall be constructed of six inch reinforced concrete or eight inch concrete block filled with cement containing reinforcement rods every 12 inches.

(d) Cell ceilings shall be constructed of pre-cast concrete slabs or reinforced concrete.

(e) Cell floors shall be constructed of terrazzo or sealed concrete and shall be sloped to a drain outside of the cell.

(f) Cell fronts shall be constructed of six inch reinforced concrete or eight inch concrete block filled with cement containing reinforcement rods every 12 inches.

(g) Cell doors shall be security type hollow core metal (minimum 12 gauge) steel. The doors shall slide or swing into the cell corridor and shall contain a standard food pass/cuff port, a pull type safety door handle and observation port of security glass at least nine-sixteenths inch thick or security type lexan at least one half inch thick. Doors shall be secured with detention type locks (preferably lever tumbler and paracentric keyway) with independent dead bolts.

(h) Natural light is recommended for each cell. All windows in the cell block area shall be of the approved security type (a tool resistant type steel frame with nine-sixteenths inch security glazing or one-half inch security type lexan).

(i) Each cell shall be numbered or lettered for proper identification.

Amended by R.1992 d.193, effective May 4, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 683(a), 24 N.J.R. 1796(a).

Revised (f)-(h).

Amended by R.1996 d.405, effective August 19, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3050(a), 28 N.J.R. 3960(a).

In (f) and (g) eliminated references to bars in cell fronts and doors, and in (g) substituted a food pass/cuff port for a food passage. Recodified from 10A:34-2.7 by R.1997 d.129, effective March 17, 1997 (operative April 6, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 298(a), 29 N.J.R. 886(a).

Former section recodified to N.J.A.C. 10A:34-2.5.

10A:34-2.7 Cell equipment

(a) Cells shall contain a steel bunk firmly affixed to the wall or floor or both. The use of a raised platform bunk in lieu of a steel bunk is acceptable. When sliding barred doors are utilized, the bunk shall be located no closer than 12 inches from the door.

(b) Bunks or raised platforms shall be topped with hardwood at least two inches thick or a fire retardant mattress which is approved by the State, county or local fire officials. Mattresses shall be provided for detainees confined overnight in those cells that have bunks or raised platforms topped with hardwood.

(c) Cells shall be equipped with a detention type toilet and lavatory with drinking font, preferably of stainless steel construction.

(d) Sanitary units shall be serviced via a chase located outside the cell and equipped with a shutoff valve.

(e) Cell equipment shall be secured with tamper-resistant screws.

(f) Approved security type light fixtures affording a minimum of 20 foot candle illumination shall be provided for each cell.

(g) Ventilation grilles used inside cells shall be rated for maximum security use.

Amended by R.1988 d.583, effective December 19, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 2442(b), 20 N.J.R. 3155(b).

Deleted (e); renumbered (f)-(g) as (e)-(f).

Amended by R.1992 d.193, effective May 4, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 683(a), 24 N.J.R. 1796(a).

Revised (c).

Amended by R.1996 d.405, effective August 19, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3050(a), 28 N.J.R. 3960(a).

Added provision relating to ventilation grilles.

Recodified from 10A:34-2.8 by R.1997 d.129, effective March 17, 1997 (operative April 6, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 298(a), 29 N.J.R. 886(a).

Former section recodified to N.J.A.C. 10A:34-2.6.

10A:34-2.8 Holding rooms

(a) Holding rooms shall have a minimum of 100 square feet of floor space with eight foot high ceilings.

(b) Construction and equipment of holding rooms shall be the same as required in N.J.A.C. 10A:34-2.7 and N.J.A.C. 10A:34-2.8, except the bunk shall be either:

1. A steel bench firmly affixed to the floor, wall, or both; or
2. A raised concrete platform.

(c) The hardwood topping on the steel bench or concrete platform shall be firmly affixed.

Amended by R.1992 d.193, effective May 4, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 683(a), 24 N.J.R. 1796(a).

Revised (b); added new (c).

Recodified from 10A:34-2.9 by R.1997 d.129, effective March 17, 1997 (operative April 6, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 298(a), 29 N.J.R. 886(a).

Former section recodified to N.J.A.C. 10A:34-2.7.

10A:34-2.9 Cell corridors

(a) Cell corridors shall be at least four and one half feet in width.

(b) Security type light fixtures secured with tamper-resistant screws which afford a minimum of 20 foot candle illumination shall be provided.

(c) Corridor windows, if provided, shall be at least nine-sixteenths inch security glazing or one half inch security type lexan. If windows open, security screening shall be provided.

(d) Floors shall be constructed of terrazzo or sealed concrete and slope to a floor drain secured with a cover held in place by tamper-resistant screws.

(e) Exterior cell corridor walls shall be constructed of six inch reinforced concrete or eight inch concrete block filled with cement containing reinforcement rods every 12 inches.

(f) Cell corridor doors shall be either:

1. The hinged type (if hinged they shall swing outwardly); or
2. The slide type.

(g) Cell corridor ceilings in new or renovated municipal detention facilities shall be constructed of pre-cast concrete slabs or reinforced concrete.

(h) Cell corridor doors shall be constructed of either:

1. Solid wood; or
2. Security type hollow core metal of 12 gauge steel.

(i) Hollow core metal or wood doors shall contain a vision port of nine-sixteenths inch security glass or one half inch security type lexan. Pull type safety handles shall be provided where necessary.

(j) An emergency panic button (not accessible to detainees) shall be provided.

(k) A telephone jack shall be provided in the cell corridor.

(l) A water outlet for cleaning of the cell block area shall be installed in the cell corridor.