

State of Utah - Department of Corrections



Department Manual

<i>FD01 - Inmate Discipline</i>	<i>POLICY</i>
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01.00 POLICY & RATIONALE

01.01 Policy

It is the policy of the Utah Department of Corrections (UDC) that inmate discipline procedures are fair, promote positive behavioral changes, and adhere to due process rights. "The facility shall have a policy requiring staff assigned as Hearing Officers to receive training prior to conducting hearings. The training is to include due-process rights, the standard of proof, cognitive capacity, reporting decisions, imposing sanctions, and the dismissed without/with prejudice process. Hearing Officers are to be impartial and fair, having no personal connection to the events leading to the disciplinary hearing."

01.02 Rationale

Appropriate disciplinary procedures are necessary to prevent unwanted behavior, maintain institutional order, and provide a means to protect staff, inmates, and volunteers. By maintaining a fair and impartial disciplinary process, inmates are ensured specific due process rights and have the opportunity to provide a defense to allegations of misconduct.