

State of Utah - Department of Corrections



Department Manual

<i>FC04 - Inmate Classification</i>	<i>POLICY</i>
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01.00 POLICY AND RATIONALE

01.01 Policy

- A. It is the policy of the Utah Department of Corrections (UDC) that a classification system serves as a management tool to ensure staff safety, the safety, and security of incarcerated inmates in its institutions and the community.
- B. The classification process includes the initial and reclassification/review assessments.
 1. The initial assessment aims to assign the inmate to a custody level.
 2. The purpose of the reclassification process is to update and review the custody level, monitor the inmate's adjustment, and bring attention to problems that may have arisen.
- C. Housing captains/designees can override or depart from the strict application of point totals of an inmate's custody or behavioral designation(s) if it is in the prison's legitimate interests.

01.02 Rationale

- A. The Department's inmate classification system has been developed as a management tool for efficiently operating the Department's institutions. History has demonstrated a need for consistency and fairness in applying objective criteria to manage inmate behavior.
- B. The Initial Assessment is a gender-specific process for determining the appropriate custody level for men and women entering the prison system. There may be legitimate security, management, or programming circumstances that necessitate placing an inmate in a custody level and/or behavioral category other than that designated by their custody assessment/reassessment scores. Such a departure from the designated classification requires written justification and documentation.