

Section 10: Medical / Mental Health

Subject: Body Lice

Minimum Standard:

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Sheriff Paul A. Sigsworth

POLICY

It is the policy of the Erie County Jail to identify and treat all cases of Pediculosis (lice) or other forms of Ectoparasitic Infestations, such as scabies, as soon as practical on admission. However, to avoid potential facility-wide infestations, all inmates, upon admission, will follow the procedure below.

PROCEDURE

- A. During routine showering procedures, the inmate will be required to use A-200 Pediculocide shampoo according to directions listed below and found on the package.
1. The Corrections Officer will dispense 1 ounce of A-200 Pediculocide shampoo (the amount dispensed may be increased accordingly if hair is long or hairy areas are extensive).
 2. Inmate will apply shampoo to dry hair and scalp and other potentially infested areas, using enough to completely wet areas being treated.
 - a. Massage shampoo in being careful to avoid getting product in eyes.
 - b. Allow product to remain for 10 minutes (no longer).
 - c. Add small amount of water and work into a lather.
 - d. Rinse thoroughly using warm water.
 - e. Towel dry.
 - f. If shampoo gets in eyes, flush with large amounts of water.
 3. If infestation is evident, follow the above procedure. Additionally, the following steps need to be followed:
 - a. Following the above procedure the hair should be combed with special fine-toothed comb to remove dead lice and eggs.
 - b. Treatment may be repeated in 7 to 10 days.
 - c. If re-infestation is evident, treatment may be reported sooner, however no more frequently than 2 applications in 24 hours.
 - d. All infested clothing and bedding should be plastic bagged and marked. Once bagged and marked, they should be laundered and dried separately.
 - e. Articles bagged but not washable should remain bagged in an intact plastic bag for 10 days before being re-used.
 - f. Following treatment for infestation, the inmate should be re-checked by the nurse for demonstrable living lice or new nits.