

Title	Maintain safety and security in a prison environment		
Level	3	Credits	20

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people working as officers in a prison environment.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - maintain the security of the prison environment; - demonstrate and apply knowledge of personal safety in relation to self and others in a prison environment; and - demonstrate and apply knowledge on response to incidents in a prison environment.
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Classification	Offender Management > Prison Safety and Security
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation
 Corrections Act 2004;
 Corrections Regulations 2005;
 Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 and any subsequent amendments or replacements.
- 2 References
 The Department of Corrections, Policy and Legislation, available at https://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/policy_and_legislation
 The Department of Corrections, Prison Operations Manual, available at https://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/policy_and_legislation/Prison-Operations-Manual
 The Human Rights Commission, Prison policy, prison regime and prisoners' rights in New Zealand, available at https://www.hrc.co.nz/files/6414/2550/8365/Young_year_-_Prison_policy_prison_regime_and_prisoners_rights_in_NZ.pdf.
- 3 Definitions
Key may include manual, electronic, or biometric.
Lock and unlock may involve either manual and/or electronic prison locks.
Incidents may include finding contraband/exhibits, prisoner behaviour, prisoner management, prisoner safety/welfare, prison security, visitor incident.
Organisational policies and procedures refer to the formal policies and procedures for a specific prison site and its activities, and which are consistent with its lead organisation.

- 4 All evidence provided must be in accordance with and comply with organisational policies and procedures.
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Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Maintain the security of the prison environment.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Apply lock and unlock practices and key security including reporting.
- 1.2 Conduct prison musters.
- 1.3 Safely and securely conduct searches and record search results, including unauthorised items, seized items, exhibits.
- 1.4 Conduct and report prison security checks.
- 1.5 Ensure visitor access is restricted to defined and authorised areas.
- 1.6 Ensure visitor safety while in the prison environment.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate and apply knowledge of personal safety in relation to self and others in a prison environment.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Identify unsafe situations that impact on self and others.
- 2.2 Implement actions to manage unsafe situations for self and others.
- 2.3 Describe gangs, impacts of their activity and behaviour, and reporting of activity or behaviour that poses a risk to a person or to a site.
- 2.4 Explain the importance of maintaining certification training in a prison environment.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate and apply knowledge on response to incident in a prison environment.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Identify risks and take actions to reduce risks as required.
- 3.2 Respond to incident using relevant procedures.

- 3.3 Report the incident in the required format and timeframes.
- 3.4 Describe post incident procedures and the officer's role and responsibilities in terms of follow up.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standards 27290 and unit standard 29064.
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Registration	1	29 July 2021	N/A

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact The Skills Organisation reviewcomments@skills.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.