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

Purpose	This unit standard is for people working as officers in a prison environment. People credited with this unit standard are able to: – 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.

Classification	Offender Management > Prison Safety and Security

Available grade	Achieved

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.

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 was replaced by skill standard 40734.
	This unit standard replaced unit standards 27290 and unit standard 29064.

This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	29 July 2021	31 December 2026
Review	2	26 June 2025	31 December 2026

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