

## **PROSTHETIC DEVICES**

### **POLICY.**

It shall be the policy of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office – Adult Jail (AJ) that any inmate having a prosthetic device in his/her possession and needing such prosthesis will be allowed full use of such prosthesis while in the AJ subject to legitimate security concerns.

### **PROCEDURES.**

- A-1.** Medical prostheses are defined to include: eyeglasses, false teeth, artificial limbs, braces, bags, breathing devices, crutches, wheelchairs, hearing aides, artificial eyes.
- B-1.** Prosthetic devices will be searched by a corrections deputy for contraband upon intake into the AJ except surgically implanted or attached devices will not be removed. If there is a question of contraband in such device, the inmate may be taken to a hospital to have the device examined by a doctor, including by x-ray.
- C-1.** If a prosthetic appears to pose a safety and security risk to other inmates a corrections deputy or a shift supervisor will apply the following handling procedures:
- a. If the perceived security risk is posed by an inmate other than the inmate with the prosthetic device, the offending inmate's housing assignment shall be changed.
  - b. If the perceived security risk is posed by the inmate with the prosthetic device, that inmate's housing assignment will be changed. If the cell move does not alleviate the perceived security risk, then the prosthetic device may be taken from the inmate. The shift supervisor will evaluate the safety/security risks and medical need for the prostheses with a nurse and/or Facility Provider to determine how to proceed. The determination on how to proceed will be in writing and communicated to the inmate.
  - c. In the case of the previous two subjects, the resulting written decision shall be retained on file for three years. A copy of the written decision shall be placed in the inmate's medical file.