

Carolina Center for Recovery Policy & Procedures

SECTION: Core Treatment Program	NUMBER: 18.2	TITLE: Personal Searches
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POLICY:

It is the policy of Carolina Center for Recovery, LLC to search persons served, their belongings, and the facility itself in a way that ensures the safety of persons served and personnel, that preserves the privacy and dignity of persons served, and that is sensitive to any potential trauma that persons served may have experienced.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to remain in compliance with the standards of the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

PROCEDURE:

Carolina Center for Recovery, LLC will search the bodies of persons served whenever they admit to the facility or return to the facility following any time away from it without direct staff supervision. The primary purpose of the search will be to discover contraband and other disallowed items, all of which will be documented in the electronic medical record system.

Carolina Center for Recovery, LLC will search the personal belongings of persons served whenever they first enter the facility. The primary purpose of the search will be to discover contraband and other disallowed items, all of which will be documented in the electronic medical record system.

Carolina Center for Recovery, LLC will search the physical facility itself whenever it has reason to believe that doing so may result in the discovery of contraband and other disallowed items.

Carolina Center for Recovery, LLC will ensure that all searches of persons served, their personal belongings, and the facility itself preserve the dignity and privacy of persons served and are sensitive to potential trauma of persons served.

Carolina Center for Recovery, LLC will ensure that relevant personnel are trained on how to perform searches properly. Proper searches may necessitate some/all of the following:

- Wearing personal protective equipment, such as gloves and/or masks
- Requesting permission from persons served prior to performing a search
- Educating persons served on the purpose of performing a search
- Ensuring that persons served are comfortable with the biological sex of the personnel who will perform the search prior to the search itself
- Informing persons served which personal belongings were classified as contraband or as disallowed