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Earthquake

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I. POLICY

- A. In the event of a life-threatening earthquake, all medical and security needs of staff and inmates will be provided in an efficient and expedient manner for the safety of staff, inmates, and visitors.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. AFTERSHOCKS

1. Aftershocks will likely take place following an earthquake. Aftershocks may cause as much or more damage than has already taken place due to the weakening of the structure.
2. Each Corrections Deputy having custody of inmates will brief the respective Facility Supervisor as soon as practical. Briefing should include number and degree of injuries, noted structural damage, any type of power failure and action to be taken to remedy any of the above.
3. Visitors present during an earthquake will be removed, if necessary, from the facilities as soon as it is safe to do so by Corrections staff.
4. Corrections staff will follow posted evacuation plans should it become necessary to evacuate from affected areas of the facility.

B. SAFETY RULES

1. Remain calm;
2. Stay where you are;
3. Indoors - Take cover under tables, desks, or doorways. Duck and cover, crouch on knees with face down covering back of neck;

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4. Be alert for falling or flying objects;
5. Be alert to the potential hazards presented by electricity, water, or gas - independently or in conjunction with each other;
6. Do not use matches, have an open flame, or smoke;
7. Do not use the elevators in the Courthouse;
8. Do not use the telephone, except for emergency purposes; and
9. Stay as far away from glass windows as is reasonably possible.

C. EARTHQUAKE - EMERGENCY

1. An earthquake shall only be categorized as an emergency when, as a consequence thereof, serious structural damage and/or injuries to persons have occurred.
2. The safety of all persons in the facility will be of prime concern. Immediate assistance to the injured will therefore be the first priority of all personnel during and after an earthquake.
3. In the event of an evacuation, the facility evacuation policy and procedure will be followed and observed.

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. [REDACTED]
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