



# FLORIDA MODEL JAIL STANDARDS

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Sumter County  
Chair- FMJS Committee

**From:** Sheriff Bill Farmer, Chairman, Florida Model Jail Standards Committee, Sumter County Sheriff's Office, 7361 Powell Road, Wildwood, FL.

Sheriff Mark Hunter  
Columbia County  
FMJS Committee Member

**To:** All Sheriffs (who operates Jails) and all Board of County Commissioners Commission (operated Jails)

Sheriff Jared Miller  
Wakulla County  
FMJS Committee Member

**RE:** HB 49 "Dignity for Incarcerated Women" Act, effective July 1, 2019.

Commissioner William Chapman  
Walton County  
FMJS Committee Member

This past Legislative Session House Bill 49 "Dignity for incarcerated Women Act" was passed to become effective July 1, 2019, here are some highlights of HB 49, please read the "bill" in its entirety.

Director Mark Flowers  
Volusia County  
FMJS Committee Member

HB 49 requires correctional facilities to provide incarcerated women with certain **health care** products, subject to certain requirements, **requiring a correctional facility to make health care products available in common housing areas a medical care facilities; those health care products include:**

- 1). Feminine Hygiene products, including tampons:
- 2). Moisturizing soap that is not lye-based:
- 3). Toothbrush:
- 4). Toothpaste:
- 5) Any other health care product that correctional facility deems appropriate.

**Health Care Products** – a correctional facility **shall make** health care products to each woman incarcerated in the facility at **no cost** to the woman in quantity that is appropriate to the needs of the women without a medical referral. A correctional facility may not require that a woman be diagnosed with an illness in order to access health care products. A correctional facility shall make health care products available in common housing areas and in medical care facilities.

**Male Correctional Facility Employee** – a male correctional facility employee **may not conduct a pat-down or body cavity search** on an incarcerated woman unless the woman presents an immediate risk of harm to herself or others and a female correctional facility employee is not available to do the search.

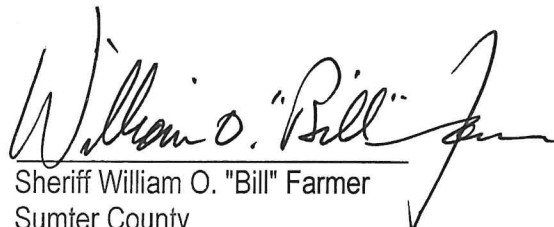
A male correctional facility employee **shall announce** his presence upon entering a housing unit for incarcerated women.

A male correctional facility employee **may not enter** an area of the correctional facility in which an incarcerated woman may be the state of undress or an area where incarcerated woman in a state of undress may be viewed, including, but not limited to, **restrooms, shower areas, and medical treatment areas.**

If a female correctional facility employee is not available or if a female correctional facility employee requires assistance, a male correctional facility employee may enter such area only in the event of a **medical emergency or if an incarcerated woman presents an immediate risk of harm to herself or others.**

If a male correctional facility employee conducts a pat-down search or body cavity search or enters a prohibited area in an emergency situation as provided in paragraph (a) or paragraph (c), **the male correctional facility employee shall document the incident, including the circumstances necessitating the male correctional facility employee's actions, no later than 3 days after the incident.** The correctional facility shall review and retain all documentation.

Sincerely,

  
Sheriff William O. "Bill" Farmer  
Sumter County  
Chair, Florida Model Jail Standards Committee

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