

Sacramento County Probation Department

Juvenile Corrections Officer (JCO) Core Training

Unit 5.0: Maintaining Security

Module 5.4: Contraband and Evidence

Instructional time: 3 hours

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Objectives:
 - a. 5.4.1 Identify steps to preserve a crime scene (or other serious incident) and any evidence that may be present
 - b. 5.4.2 Identify universal safety precautions when handling contraband and evidence
 - c. 5.4.3 Identify potentially dangerous situations that can occur when dealing with contraband and evidence
 - d. 5.4.4 Identify situations that occur related to contraband and evidence in which an officer should call for assistance
 - e. 5.4.5 Given images of drug paraphernalia, identify the purpose of each
 - f. 5.4.6 Identify security issues with juveniles using an unauthorized telephone
 - g. 5.4.7 Given a scenario, identify items that should be treated as contraband and rise to the level of disciplinary sanction or court proceedings
 - h. 5.4.8 Given a description of an incident in which a juvenile is found to be in possession of a given type of contraband, state whether an arrest is indicated
3. Define contraband
4. Reasons for controlling contraband
5. Allowable items in rooms
6. Allowed clothing items
7. Identify different items of contraband and discuss how each item should be confiscated
8. Identify contraband items that should be treated as contraband and rise to the level of disciplinary sanction or court proceedings: Drugs, cell phones, weapons, etc.
9. Staff's responsibility for controlling contraband
10. Identify the types of contraband most commonly found in mail: Pictures, money, drugs, criminal activity, unauthorized sender, etc.
11. Discuss security issues with juveniles using an unauthorized telephone
12. Discuss images of drug paraphernalia and the purpose of each
13. Define evidence
14. Identify situations that occur related to contraband and evidence in which an officer should call for assistance: Major incidents, blood, drugs, assaults (sexual and non-sexual), etc.
15. Identify steps to preserve a crime scene (or other serious incident) and any evidence that may be present
16. Identify universal safety precautions when handling contraband and evidence: Gloves, masks, proper labeling, chain of custody with evidence
17. Discuss potentially dangerous situations that can occur when dealing with contraband and evidence: Lacerations, exposure to hazardous materials, contaminated scene, destruction of evidence, officer exposure (fentanyl)
18. Discuss different incidents in which a juvenile is found to be in possession of a given type of contraband and state whether an arrest is indicated: Drugs, weapons, cell phone
19. Housing unit searches

20. Identify common ways in which juveniles in a detention setting obtain contraband: Newly arrested juveniles, visitors, mail, over fence, etc.
21. Discuss how common items can be used or crafted into contraband

