



WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Policy and Procedure #1.017 Attorney-Client Communications

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REFERENCE

1. ATTACHMENTS – None Noted
2. CASE LAW – None Noted



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I. PURPOSE

- A. Protection of Confidential Communication.** The purpose of this policy is to establish uniform policy and procedures governing the protection and confidential nature of attorney-client communications for inmates housed in Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) correctional facilities.

II. POLICY

- A. General Policy.** It is the policy of the WDOC to respect the confidentiality of attorney-client communications as prescribed by law.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. Attorney:** A member of a state bar association who is licensed to practice law in Wyoming or another state.
- B. Attorney-Client Communication:** *(For this policy only.)* A communication between an attorney and his/her inmate client that is protected by law from forced disclosure due to the confidential nature of the relationship of the parties.
- C. Inmate:** A person who is incarcerated in any Wyoming Department of Corrections correctional facility, county jail, municipal jail or in-state/out-of-state contract facilities, to include adult community corrections centers, who is committed to the custody or supervision of the Wyoming Department of Corrections.
- D. Investigation:** A thorough and systematic examination of all information obtained through interviews, interrogations, research, and analysis/examination of evidence.

IV. PROCEDURE

A. General Provisions.

- 1.** In the course of any investigation, staff and investigators are not authorized to ask detailed questions concerning the contents of written or verbal communications between an inmate and his/her attorney.



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2. Information provided by an inmate concerning the content of specific communications between the attorney and client will not be included in an investigation report unless that information is not solicited by the investigator or staff, the information is provided voluntarily by the inmate, and the information received directly impacts upon the matter under investigation.

V. TRAINING POINTS

- A. TRUE OR FALSE. Staff or investigators are not authorized to ask detailed questions concerning the contents of written or verbal communications between an inmate and his/her attorney.
- B. When may information provided by an inmate concerning the content of specific communications between the attorney and client be included in an investigation report?