01-03 Appendix F

Privacy Gown

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The Toronto Police Service recognizes the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* violation arising from the videotaping of individuals in custody using the toilet facilities and has adopted the use of privacy gowns.

Booking Officer / Accompanying Officer

1. When a person lodged in a divisional cell/bullpen is using the toilet facilities shall
   - inform the person on video
     - they are monitored by video camera at all times while in the divisional cell/bullpen
     - they have the option to use a privacy gown while using the toilet facilities
   - monitor the person for safety reasons while in possession of the privacy gown
   - make a notation in their memorandum book if the person declines to use the privacy gown
   - complete the Privacy Gown text template

2. When denying issuance of a privacy gown shall
   - consult with the Officer in Charge
   - advise the person of the reason for not issuing the privacy gown
   - make a notation in their memorandum book, including the justification

     ➔ *The issuance of a privacy gown may be denied for safety reasons if it can be proven that there are specific overriding safety concerns that cannot be resolved.*

3. When disposing of a privacy gown shall
   - use universal precautions
   - if coming in contact with bodily fluids, comply with Procedures 08–03 and 08–07, as required

Officer in Charge

4. When the booking officer / accompanying officer is denying the issuance of a privacy gown shall ensure the officer
   - is able to articulate the reason for the decision
   - records the justification in their memorandum book

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