



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Operations Division



Title:	Planned Use of Force for Inmates Designated at MH3	DOC Policy: 40.1.14
Effective:	07/11/18	Supercedes: 05/01/09
Applicability:	Institutions	
Directives Cross-Reference:	Use of Force – Div 013	
Attachments:	None	

I. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the planned use of force on inmates with an MH3 designation. An MH3 designation indicates the inmate has a serious mental illness (e.g., psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, or major depression.)
1. In addition to all the requirements set out by rule or other policy, ODOC requires that additional measures be taken in planned use of force (as defined in the rule on **Use of Force**, OAR 291-013) events that involve inmates designated by Behavioral Health Services (BHS) as MH3.
 2. When dealing with persons who are presently acting psychotic, it should be recognized that techniques that rely primarily on pain compliance may be ineffective and increase the chances of injury to the inmate and/or staff when hands-on is attempted.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. MH3: Mental Health code - level three. Designation utilized to identify inmates with a mental health diagnosis that is categorized as highest treatment need.
- B. Officer in Charge (OIC): That person designated by the functional unit manager to supervise the facility and make operational decisions in accordance with rule or procedure during periods when the functional unit manager or officer-of-the-day are not readily available.

III. POLICY

- A. In all planned use of force events in which the inmate has been designated by BHS as MH3, the OIC shall consult with a BHS manager or Qualified Mental Health Professional, when available, prior to the planned use of force. If no BHS manager or Qualified Mental Health Professional is on-site, the OIC will contact Medical Services and the regular on-call process will be initiated. The prescriber on-call will be provided with current mental health information from the inmate's chart and notification of the pending event.
1. Based on the circumstances and if time permits the BHS manager or Qualified Mental Health Professional may evaluate the inmate prior to the application of force.

2. The OIC will take into consideration prior to the application of force the recommendations if any of alternative behavioral interventions provided by BHS.
- B. The OIC shall seek to have the BHS manager or Qualified Mental Health Professional, if available, intervene and attempt to deescalate the situation and gain compliance from the inmate and or consider revision of their order(s) if appropriate.
 - C. DOC will provide a minimum of two hours training for staff who work in Special Housing Units. Training will focus on the observable psychological, physical and communication cues that may indicate the presence of an emergency or an increase in mental health symptoms.
 - D. An electronic control device may be used to temporarily immobilize an inmate designated by BHS as a MH3.
 1. Only those persons properly trained by DOC and identified by the OIC may use an Electronic Control Device in a planned use of force.
 2. An electronic control device may only be used in accordance with planned use of force. The use of an Electronic Control Device may render the inmate unable to react for long enough that physical restraints can be applied.
 3. BHS will not make the determination of whether the Electronic Control Device should be used.
 - E. In planned use of force situations the use of impact munitions weapons on inmates designated as MH3 is restricted unless authorized by the functional unit manager or his/her designee.
 1. Circumstances must be serious in nature, calling for extreme measures to protect the staff or inmates; e.g., the inmate may be armed with a weapon.
 2. This does not prohibit the use of such weapons in reactive force situations.
 - F. Prior to the use of chemical agents on inmates designated as MH3 in a planned use of force event, the OIC will confirm with Medical Services staff that there are no medical contraindications for the use of chemical agents on that inmate.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

This policy will be adopted immediately without further modification.

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