1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to reduce risk and harm to ensure that health care staff work in a safe environment.

2.0 REFERENCES AND DEFINITIONS

.1 References

a. Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 26-14.6, Department of Public Safety; and Section 353C-2, Director of Public Safety, Powers and Duties.


.2 Definitions

a. Staff Safety: the health and well being of health staff who work in the correctional facility. It is directly linked to the administrative practices that assures the public safety of the facility.

3.0 POLICY

.1 The ability to provide health care is predicated on a safe and secure environment.

.2 This includes a working environment where staff feel safe to perform their work.

4.0 PROCEDURES

.1 All health staff shall have a security officer present during episodes of direct patient contact such as medication pass, performance of sick calls, patient treatments, and clinics.
5.0 **SCOPE**

This policy and procedures applies to all correctional facilities and their assigned personnel.

**APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:**

- **Medical Director**: [Signature] 1/2/09
- **Correctional Health Care Administrator**: [Signature] 1/2/09
- **Deputy Director for Corrections**: [Signature] 1/2/09

**APPROVED:**

- **Director**: [Signature] 1/7/09

Date