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POLICY

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**FIREARM POSSESSION BY SUPERVISED
INDIVIDUALS**

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SUMMARY OF REVISION/REVIEW:


Policy Statement I. and Directive I.C. - Adjusted language for clarification
 Policy Statement I.A. - Removed unnecessary language

APPROVED:

Signature on file

TIM LANG, Secretary
 Department of Corrections

5/5/25
 Date Signed

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REFERENCES:


DOC 100.100 is hereby incorporated into this policy; [RCW 9.41.040](#); [RCW 9.41.098](#); DOC 420.395 Evidence/Property Procedures for Field; DOC 460.130 Response to Violations and New Criminal Activity; [18 U.S.C. § 931](#)

POLICY:

- I. Actual or constructive possession of a firearm, explosive, ammunition, or body armor will be considered a violation or a new crime for individuals on electronic home monitoring or community supervision (e.g., parole, placement) whose right to bear arms has been revoked.
 - A. Individuals who are on active duty in one of the military services, including active Reserves and National Guard, may possess/control firearms, body armor, ammunition, or explosives only while engaged in military duty.

DIRECTIVE:

- I. Response
 - A. Case managers, Community Corrections Supervisors, and Community Corrections Specialists will immediately confiscate or cause confiscation of any firearm, ammunition, or body armor found in an individual's possession.
 1. The confiscated item(s) will be documented on DOC 05-825 Evidence/Property Record - Field and handled per DOC 420.395 Evidence/Property Procedures for Field.
 2. The case manager will notify:
 - a. Local law enforcement and, as appropriate, the United States Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms of an individual's possession/control of firearms.
 - b. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms of an individual's possession of body armor.
 - B. When an item is suspected or determined to be an explosive, the case manager will contact the Washington State Patrol and/or local law enforcement.
 - C. The case manager will take appropriate action for violations listed on the Judgment and Sentence and for referring new charges per DOC 460.130 Response to Violations and New Criminal Activity, if applicable.

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II. Disposition

- A. Confiscated firearms, ammunition, and body armor that are not turned over to a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency as evidence for a new prosecution will be disposed of per DOC 420.395 Evidence/Property Procedures for Field.

DEFINITIONS:

Words/terms appearing in this policy may be defined in the glossary section of the Policy Manual.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

DOC FORMS:

DOC 05-825 Evidence/Property Record - Field