



What is Direct Supervision?

Those in custody who are classified as minimum-security are housed in the direct supervision unit. While they are not free to leave the unit, they are free to move about and participate in a wide range of activities. The two-storey unit includes sleeping areas and a multipurpose room for meetings and recreation. Through the structural design of the facility, staff members are able to supervise inmates effectively. With the direct supervision model, a detention deputy is continually supervising inmates. The deputy works within the "pod" or living area and is in direct control of the inmates. Positive expectation of conduct is evident in the physical design of the facility. Deviation from the expected positive behavior results in progressive disciplinary loss of privileges. Detention facilities that use direct supervision have significantly lower rates of assaults, extortions and lawsuits than the traditional linear style of detention facility management.