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<p><b>CHAPTER: 5 RIGHTS OF OFFENDERS</b></p>	<p><b>RELATED ACA STANDARDS:</b></p>	
	<p><b>SUBJECT: STANDARDS FOR OFFENDER GROOMING AND ATTIRE</b></p>	
<p><b>APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND APPROVED THIS DATE:</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>R M C</i> 6/22/15</p>		
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**I. AUTHORITY:** 11 *Del. C.* §6517, 29 *Del. C.* §8903, §8911

**II. PURPOSE:** To establish reasonable dress and grooming standards for the incarcerated population.

**III. APPLICABILITY:** All Department employees, volunteers, visitors, persons or organizations conducting business with the Department; all offenders under the supervision of the Department.

**IV. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Attire - Clothing, institutional issued or personal wearing apparel.

B. Grooming — Neatness and cleanliness in personal appearance.

**V. POLICY:** It is the policy of the Department of Correction to require all offenders committed to the custody of the Department at a Level IV or V facility to conform to reasonable standards of grooming and attire.

These standards, as developed by the Bureau Chiefs for the Bureau of Prisons and Community Corrections and approved by the Commissioner, should promote personal hygiene, safety, identification, and security. No personal hygiene needs shall be denied for punitive reasons nor shall the standards conflict with the valid religious beliefs of offenders.