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CHAPTER: 6 PLANNING, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, EVALUATION AND RESEARCH	SUBJECT: RECIDIVISM	
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I. **AUTHORITY:** 11 *Del. C.* §4321, 6501, 6531; 29 *Del. C.* §8903

II. **PURPOSE:** To establish a consistent, written definition of recidivism that is understood and used by all agency personnel.

III. **APPLICABILITY:** All Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) employees, contractors and volunteers.

IV. **DEFINITIONS:**

Recidivism: Re-offending incidences by sentenced individuals released from correctional facilities and/or from correctional supervision.

V. **POLICY:** Recidivism measures are useful for determining the proportion of the offender population recommitting offenses following release from correctional custody and returning to correctional custody as a result of these offenses. Recidivism measures are utilized nationally but vary by jurisdiction.

The Delaware Department of Correction is able to assess the following measures of recidivism:

- A. Violations of Probation
 - 1. Technical Probation/Parole Violations
 - 2. Criminal Probation/Parole Violations
- B. Recombitment
 - 1. Detention
 - 2. Sentence to Level IV Violation of Probation Center
 - 3. Sentence to Level V Prison Facility: Return to Level V correctional custody shall be considered the central measure of recidivism to be included in all analyses conducted by DOC.