

## Different types of searches



### No touching

This may involve the use of a scanning device, but no touching you or your clothes.



### A pat down search

Light touching of you or your clothes, but does not require the removal of clothes.



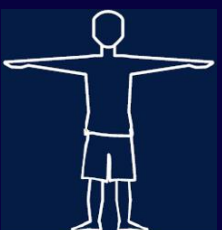
### Removal of some clothes

Removal of outer clothes (such as jackets, jumpers, shoes). Does not show your torso or underwear and does not involve touching you.



### More than minimal touching

The removal of some outer clothes and more extensive touching of you or your clothes. Does not show your torso or underwear.



### Unclothed search

A search where your torso or underwear may be exposed to view, or the removal of your underwear.

## When can you be searched?

If it is necessary and reasonable, a Correctional Officer can search you for one or more of these reasons:

- for the safety of you or other people
- to look for evidence or prevent evidence being lost (*reason for Tasmania Police only to search*)
- to check for weapons or items that may help you or someone else escape custody
- to check for drugs or things that are not permitted in this facility
- to take your possessions into safekeeping while you are in custody (clothed search)

## What happens before a search?

Before a search is undertaken

- we will ask you some questions to keep you and others safe
- we will tell you if you will be searched and what type of search we are doing
- you will be asked if you have any items to surrender before the search begins

If a Correctional Officer is going to do an unclothed search, they must tell you and get special authorisation.

Your privacy will be respected, and a person of the same gender or your preferred gender will search you, wherever possible.

Correctional Officers may use reasonable force to conduct a search, if it is necessary to do so.

## Questions

If you have any questions about the search process, or if you need this information explained to you, please speak to a correctional officer.

## Complaints

You have the right to make a complaint in relation to any search undertaken while you are in custody, if you believe it was not conducted lawfully.

Complaints can be made verbally to staff or you can ask for a confidential complaint form. You can mail complaints to:

Performance and Compliance Unit

Tasmania Prison Service

PO Box 24

Lindisfarne TAS 7015

or email

[Prison.PerformanceAndComplianceUnit@justice.tas.gov.au](mailto:Prison.PerformanceAndComplianceUnit@justice.tas.gov.au)

## More information

More information about searches of young people in custody and the complaints process is available by visiting [www.justice.tas.gov.au/prisonservice](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/prisonservice)