

#### **10A NCAC 14J .1215 DOORS, BUNKS, LOCKS, AND FASTENERS**

- (a) A jail shall provide doors, locks, and detention hardware that are rated by the manufacturer as security-type and as acceptable for use in correctional facilities.
- (b) Fasteners used in inmate accessible areas shall be rated by the manufacturer as security-type and tamper-resistant.
- (c) Doors to confinement units, cellblocks, inmate accessible corridors, and dayrooms shall have view panels.
- (d) A security vestibule and a sally port shall have:
  - (1) one or more interior doors or gates and an entrance door or gate;
  - (2) doors or gates provided with an interlocking security feature;
  - (3) interior doors or gates arranged to be locked and unlocked by means located outside of the security vestibule, sally port, dormitory, dayroom, and cellblock; and
  - (4) doors or gates provided with override capability to unlock all doors or gates in the event of an emergency.
- (e) Doors and locks that are electronically controlled shall be equipped with manual override.
- (f) Food passes in doors, if used, shall have openings large enough to permit the passage of a food tray.
- (g) Single segregation cells and single cells shall have a single bunk. Multiple occupancy cells and dormitories shall have single bunks or double bunks. A bunk shall:
  - (1) have dimensions large enough to accommodate a detention mattress;
  - (2) be anchored not less than 15 inches above the floor, if a single bunk or a lower bunk of a double bunk;
  - (3) be anchored not less than 50 inches above the floor, if an upper bunk of a double bunk;
  - (4) be anchored flush to the wall;
  - (5) have a lip to hold the mattress in place; and
  - (6) have tamper-resistant construction.
- (h) Cells required to be accessible for persons with disabilities as required by the North Carolina State Building Code shall not have an upper bunk.
- (i) Inmate accessible areas of the jail shall be equipped or furnished in a manner that decreases suicide hazards within the jail. Jails shall provide items to reduce suicide hazards for inmates, including the following:
  - (1) handrails or grab bars with a closure plate that is installed between the wall and the handrail or grab bar;
  - (2) exposed door hinges with a sloped top and bottom;
  - (3) non-vertical surfaces of door hardware with a slope;
  - (4) holes in the bunk mattress platform that are no more than 1/8 inch in diameter;
  - (5) shower heads that are not hand-held with a hose; and
  - (6) heating, ventilating, and air conditioning supply and return grilles with openings not more than 3/16 inches wide, if the supply and return grilles are located in a cell used to house inmates on special watch.

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