I. **AUTHORITY:** 11 Del. C. §6517, §6535; 29 Del. C. 8903

II. **PURPOSE:** To establish rules of conduct for offenders.

III. **APPLICABILITY:** All Department employees, volunteers, persons, or organizations conducting business with the Department of Correction (DOC): all offenders under the supervision of the Department.

IV. **DEFINITIONS:**
   a. Prohibited Behavior: Conduct, either by commission or omission, which is contrary to the interests of the Department or its federal or state constitutional and/or statutory duties and/or obligations.

V. **POLICY:** It is the policy of the DOC to establish and maintain rules of conduct for offenders in order to efficiently operate the Department and protect staff, offenders, and other individuals that interact with the Department and the public.

The Bureau Chiefs shall be responsible for developing written rules of conduct that specify prohibited behavior, penalties that may be imposed for rule violations, and enforcement procedures. The enforcement procedures must take into account due process requirements including appeal provisions.

Offenders shall have access to the rules of conduct. Access includes but is not limited to bulletin boards, law library file copies, housing unit postings, and books or other approved formats. Additional copies of specific rules will be made available at the offender’s written request and expense.