

**ILLINOIS STATE POLICE DIRECTIVE**  
**OPS-062, INTERVIEW/INTERROGATION AND POLYGRAPH ROOMS**

<b>RESCINDS:</b> OPS-062, 2015-046, revised 05-15-2015.	<b>REVISED:</b> 01-03-2023 <b>2023-083</b>
<b>RELATED DOCUMENTS:</b> EQP-016, OPS-065	<b>RELATED CALEA STANDARDS (6<sup>th</sup> Edition):</b> 42.2.8

I. POLICY

The Illinois State Police (ISP) will provide security, safety, and basic sanitation/comfort needs in the operation of designated interview/interrogation and polygraph rooms.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

Affected commanders will ensure the procedural provisions of this directive are complied with.

III. PROCEDURES

III.A. Weapons control

III.A.1. No one, including ISP officers and officers from other law enforcement agencies, will possess firearms in designated interview/interrogation and polygraph rooms of the ISP.

III.A.2. ISP facilities with interview/interrogation and polygraph rooms will provide a secure location for the safekeeping of firearms during the time of the interview.

III.B. Security concerns

III.B.1. ISP officers will thoroughly search interviewees who are under arrest prior to entry to interview/interrogation and polygraph rooms.

**NOTE:** Officers may search those individuals not under arrest if the officer can articulate reason(s) that he/she has concerns for his/her safety or the safety of others.

III.B.2. Officers will ensure a second or security officer is present and in the immediate area of the interview/interrogation room while an interview is being conducted.

III.B.2.a. After normal office hours, officers will notify communications and request a second or security officer prior to arrival and/or departure to the interview/interrogation room.

III.B.2.b. Officers assigned to serve as a second or security officer will remain with the interviewing officer until the interview/interrogation is terminated and the detainee is out of the facility.

III.B.3. During polygraph examinations, a sworn officer will be readily available to assist the polygraph examiner, if needed.

III.B.4. Interview and polygraph rooms will not have locks on the doors.

III.B.5. As a security measure, if officers deem the person under arrest being interviewed/interrogated an escape risk or if the individual poses a threat to the officers, it is permissible to restrain the individual by securing him/her to a designated immovable fixed object, i.e., handcuff bar/ring, intended for such use.

III.B.6. Persons being interviewed or interrogated will not be left unattended at any time.

III.C. Personnel restrictions/limitations

III.C.1. A maximum of two officers will be allowed in an interview room during an interview/interrogation.

III.C.2. Supervisors may authorize more than two officers, dependent upon circumstances.

III.D. Means and methods for summoning assistance

Facilities with designated interview/interrogation and polygraph rooms will provide a means for officers and polygraph examiners to summon emergency assistance.

III.D.1. The best officer safety practice is to ensure a minimum of two officers are present.

III.D.2. In addition to other law enforcement personnel, facilities with interview/interrogation and polygraph rooms must provide an additional means for summoning assistance. The following options may be used:

III.D.2.a. Panic alarms

III.D.2.a.1) The effectiveness of panic alarms is dependent upon the availability of law enforcement personnel to respond. After normal office hours, the availability of officers to respond is generally reduced, which places responsibility for response on officers on patrol.

III.D.2.a.2) Commanders must ensure panic alarms are loud enough to be heard throughout the facility, and may consider visual notification of activation in the Communications Center to avoid disruption of radio traffic.

III.D.2.b. Radio emergency assistance buttons

III.D.2.b.1) Commanders electing to use the radio emergency assistance button must ensure officers notify communications of their location when they are conducting an interview/interrogation.

III.D.2.b.2) When officers are in a troop/zone other than their assigned troop/zone they will:

III.D.2.b.2)a) Notify their assigned troop communications center that they are conducting an interview/interrogation and the troop number and facility location.

III.D.2.b.2)b) Contact the appropriate troop communications center and request additional officers for security backup prior to arrival at the destination facility.

III.D.2.b.2)c) Switch their radio to the appropriate talk group channel.

III.E. Equipment or items to be kept in the interview/interrogation room or area

III.E.1. Interview/interrogation rooms must have electronic recording equipment and interviews must be recorded when the detainee is suspected of any of the following crimes:

III.E.1.a. 720 ILCS 5/9-1, "First degree murder"

III.E.1.b. 720 ILCS 5/9-1.2, "Intentional homicide of an unborn child"

III.E.1.c. 720 ILCS 5/9-2, "Second degree murder"

III.E.1.d. 720 ILCS 5/9-2.1, "Voluntary manslaughter of an unborn child"

III.E.1.e. 720 ILCS 5/9-3, "Involuntary manslaughter and reckless homicide"

III.E.1.f. 720 ILCS 5/9-3.2, "Involuntary manslaughter and reckless homicide of an unborn child"

- III.E.1.g. 720 ILCS 5/9-3.3, "Drug-induced homicide"
- III.E.1.h. 720 ILCS 5/11-1.40, "Predatory criminal sexual assault of a child"
- III.E.1.i. 625 ILCS 5/11-501(d)(1)(F), "Driving while under the influence of alcohol"  
(when there was an accident that resulted in a death)
- III.E.1.j. 720 ILCS 5/20-1.1, "Aggravated Arson"

**NOTE:** For detailed information on electronic recording of interviews, refer to ISP directive EQP-016, "Electronic Recording of Interviews and Interrogations."

III.E.2. Equipment and other items required for the operation of the interview/interrogation and polygraph rooms will be documented on facility inventories by location.

III.E.3. Polygraph equipment will be assigned to the Crime Scene Services Command (CSSC). CSSC will be responsible for the completion of the annual inventory.

III.F. Access to restrooms, water, or comfort breaks

ISP facilities with interview/interrogation and polygraph rooms will ensure interviewees have access to restrooms, water, and comfort breaks.

| Indicates new or revised items.

**-End of Directive-**