

**CROSS-SEX PAT SEARCH PRACTICES:
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	In practice, when are cross-sex pat searches of women performed?		Is practice in men's institutions similar or different?	Notes
	Routinely done	Predominantly same-sex OR cross-sex done only in emergency		
Alabama		x	Different	<i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
Alaska				[No contact w/agency]
Arizona		x	Similar	Circumstances have never required that a male staff member pat-search a female inmate. Women can pat-search male inmates only in an emergency and in the presence of a male staff member.
Arkansas		x	Similar	
California		x	Similar	Policy permits cross-sex pat searches in women's and men's facilities.
Colorado		x	Similar	
Connecticut	x			
Delaware		x	Different	Circumstances have never required that a male staff member pat-search a female inmate. <i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
D.C.		x		CCA operates women's prison; practice reflects CCA policy.
Florida		x		FL-DOC policy allows cross-sex pat searches.
Georgia		x	Different	<i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
Hawaii		x		Cross-gender searches are allowed for male and female inmates, but agency tries to assign women to posts where pat searches of female inmates may be required.
Idaho		x	Different	<i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
Illinois		x	Different	<i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
Indiana		x	Different	<i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
Iowa		x		

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Kansas	x			
Kentucky		x		CCA operates women's prison; practice reflects CCA policy.
Louisiana		x		Policy is not specific.
Maine				
Maryland		x	Similar	Women can pat-search male inmates only in an emergency.
Mass.		x		
Michigan	x			
Minnesota		x	Different	<i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
Mississippi		x	Different	Circumstances have never required that a male staff member pat-search a female inmate. There are 2 male captains but no male officers in women's unit. <i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
Missouri		x		Scheduled searches are conducted by members of the same sex; random searches may be cross-gender.
Montana		x	Different	<i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
Nebraska		x		Institutional (NCCW) policy allows cross-sex pat searches of female inmates.
Nevada				[No contact with agency]
New Hamp.	x			
New Jersey				[No contact with agency]
New Mexico		x		CCA operates women's prison; practice reflects CCA policy. DOC policy does not allow women to pat search male inmates.
New York	x			Class action suit filed recently.
N. Carolina		x	Similar	By policy, searches of male inmates are also predominately same-sex.
N. Dakota		x	Different	<i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
Ohio		x		
Oklahoma		x		

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Oregon		x		
Penn.	x (Muncy)	x (Cambridge)		Managed at institution level.
Rhode I.		x	Different	<i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
S. Carolina		x	Different	<i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
S. Dakota		x	Different	<i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
Tennessee				[No contact with agency]
Texas		x	Different	TX-DOC policy allows cross-sex pat searches of women if required by circumstances. <i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
Utah		x	Similar	Circumstances have never required that a male staff member pat-search a female inmate.
Vermont		x	Different	<i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
Virginia		x	Similar	Women may not pat-search male inmates.
Washington		x		
W. Virginia		x	Different	Practice only; not a policy. <i>Split policy:</i> Women may pat-search male inmates.
Wisconsin		x		Institutional (Taycheedah) policy requires same-sex pat searches of women except in emergency.
Wyoming		x		
Federal Bureau of Prisons	x			