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The Prisons and Young Offenders  
Institutions (Scotland) Rules 2011

PART 10

SECURITY

CONFINEMENT AND CUSTODY OF PRISONERS

**Temporary confinement in a special cell**

**97.**—(1) The Governor may order the temporary confinement in a special cell of any prisoner who is behaving in a threatening, abusive or violent manner.

(2) The following conditions apply to all orders made under paragraph (1) and the enforcement of such orders—

- (a) the Governor must keep a written record of the particulars of each order made under paragraph (1) including the reasons for making the order;
- (b) the Governor must inform a healthcare professional as soon as possible after making an order under paragraph (1) and consider any recommendations made by the healthcare professional;
- (c) an order under paragraph (1) must not be used as a punishment;
- (d) an officer must visit the prisoner at least once in every 15 minutes during the period that the prisoner is confined in a special cell; and
- (e) a prisoner must not be confined in a special cell for any longer than is necessary and, in any event, for no longer than a continuous period of 24 hours.