



Minimum Security Facility

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Opened: 1978

Expanded: 1989 & 1992

Average Facility Population: 403 (FY '11)

Operational Facility Capacity: 710 (FY '11)

Annual Cost Per Offender: \$46,222 (FY '11)



The Minimum Security yard

The Minimum Security facility was opened in 1978 in a converted hospital building on Howard Avenue in Cranston. In 1989, Minimum Security (MIN) expanded to a second building, and in July of 1992, with the construction of a connecting addition, the facility became one

large complex, with a 710-bed inmate capacity.

The perimeter is surrounded by a low security type fence, consistent with the minimum custody level. Prevention of escapes is considered one of our most important functions, and during inmate outdoor recreation, key areas of the perimeter are posted.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Minimum Security facility is to integrate constructive programming with a safe, secure, and humane environment which protects society while encouraging the rehabilitation of offenders. Minimum Security is unique among the facilities in that it has the capability to provide 100% employment. Only inmates medically certified as unemployable do not work. Jobs range from institutional to public service projects. All of our staff are committed to this goal.

The facility also houses Work Release inmates. Inmates classified or court ordered to Work Release are allowed to obtain gainful employment in the private sector while residing in a correctional facility. Work Release is an essential component of the Department's reintegration efforts.



One of the Minimum Security vans used to transport inmates to work sites.

AVAILABLE PROGRAMS



A Minimum Security classroom

Academic

General Education
Development (GED)
Preparation, Community
College of Rhode Island

Vocational

Graffiti Removal
Program, Barber
Apprentice Program

Work Release program

Inmates on Work Release leave for off-site jobs during the day and return to Minimum Security at night. These inmates are carefully selected and have ongoing supervision. Employers who hire Work Release inmates have a direct point of contact with Minimum Security staff. The RIDOC Work Release Program is designed to help inmates who meet its criteria to pursue further training and vocational opportunities before they have completed their sentence. This increases their marketability in preparation for a successful release. There are several conditions that must be met in order for an inmate and an employer to qualify for the program. Both parties must sign a contract agreeing to adhere to all rules and regulations prior to job placement. Under the best of circumstances, this work relationship can continue after the inmates' release to his or her home community, immediately eliminating one of the burdens of successful reentry.

Treatment/Rehabilitative

Domestic Violence, Victims of Sexual Abuse, Spectrum Program, Sex Offender Treatment, Parenting Program, Toward Freedom Program, Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Religious Services, R.I. Re-educational Opportunities Commission, Discharge Planning Program, Providence Center Program, *Amer I can* program.