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Description automatically generated with low confidenceSEARCHING PROCEDURE ANNEX L**

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| MOBILITY DISABLED LEVEL A SEARCH |

When conducting a routine search, do so in a seemly manner with due regard to the person’s disposition.

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| Face the person, explain the search and ask if the search will cause considerable pain or if they are unable to stand or move freely. Take advice if this is confirmed. |  |
| Ask if there is anything unauthorised in possession |  |
| Ask to empty pockets and remove jewellery. Search and place to one side. | New Picture |
| Search any other items carried by the subject, including bags. |  |
| Remove and search headwear. **Religious headwear** may be checked with a handheld metal detector only. If there is a further requirement for it to be removed and searched, this must be undertaken in private and out of sight from others. | New Picture  Clean gloves must be worn when handling religious headwear. |
| Search the head (running your fingers through the hair and round the back of the ears) or ask them to shake out the hair and run their fingers through it. |  |
| Look around and inside the ears, nose and mouth. You may ask to raise the tongue. |  |
| Search around collar and any neckwear (removing if necessary) and tops of shoulders. |  |
| Ask to raise their arms where possible. The fingers must be apart with palms facing downwards. | New Picture |
| Using flat open hand, search each arm along the upper and lower sides | New Picture |
| Check between the fingers and look at the palms and backs of the hands. | New Picture |
| Check the front half of the body nearest to you from neck to waist. Search the front of the waistband. | New Picture |
| Check the front half of the abdomen nearest to you and then as far around the nearest leg as possible. | New Picture |
| Ask them to remove footwear where this is possible and search thoroughly. Check the sole of the foot. Be alert to any disability which may cause issues lifting the feet. Ensure there is a suitable seating area and do not rush the search. Repeat the process for the other half of the body. Prisons must locally risk assess the need to remove and search socks. | New Picture (1) |
| For wheelchair users and those that need to remain seated for the search, ask them to lean forward and search the back, waistband and buttocks. |  |
| Move the wheelchair (if applicable) to one side to ensure it is not over anything that may have dropped. |  |
| Search the disability aid (wheelchair, stick etc) and any attachments. |  |