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**COMMON-USE AREA INSPECTIONS BY  
MILITARY WORKING DOG (MWD) TEAMS**

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This instruction establishes individual responsibilities for McChord AFB's Drug Suppression Program, referring to common-use area inspections. This instruction applies to all personnel assigned to McChord AFB. Reference: AFI 31-202 *Military Working Dog Program*.

**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS**

Revisions to this instruction consist of changing the 62 AW/CC signature block, "Support Group" to "Mission Support Group" and minor typographical errors. A bar ( | ) indicates change since last publication .

**1. General.**

1.1. Common-use area inspections are command-directed examinations of common-use areas where drugs/explosives may be stored or otherwise concealed to prevent association with specific persons or activities. These inspections are not intended to be searches, and personnel performing the inspections must be able to distinguish between an inspection and a search.

**2. Definition of Common-Use Area Inspection.**

2.1. Common-use area inspections are examinations of common-use areas such as dormitory hallways, utility, laundry and day rooms, parking lots, work centers, aircraft, and recreation areas.

**3. Responsibilities.**

3.1. The Commander, 62d Mission Support Group will:

- 3.1.1. Determine which common-use areas MWD teams will check and when.
- 3.1.2. Ensure all common-use areas are checked on a random basis.

3.1.3. Ensure integrity of the selection criteria by placing the designations of areas to be inspected in sealed envelopes and giving this information to a member of the 62d Security Forces Squadron Operations staff .

3.2. The Commander, 62d Security Forces Squadron will:

3.2.1. Establish written instructions, which govern normal daily utilization of MWD detector dogs and their use in walk-through inspections.

3.2.2. Coordinate these instructions with the Staff Judge Advocate to preclude the necessity for advance legal coordination each time the detector dog is used for this purpose.

3.2.3. Be capable of demonstrating probable cause before seeking valid search authority from the unit commander or installation search authority.

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**Attachment 1**

**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

***References***

AFI 31-202, *Military Working Dog Program*, 1 Aug 1999