

Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office Detention Center Standard Operating Procedures			Number: F-165
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I. POLICY

The Detention Center will provide rules and regulations pertaining to inmate visitation, which will be posted in the Detention Center for inmate and prospective visitor awareness.

During or in a timely manner following the admission process, inmates should be permitted to receive visits from:

- A. An attorney; and/or
- B. A bondsman, if eligible for bail
- C. approved family and friends during scheduled visitation times

II. PROCEDURE

Each adult inmate is only allowed six (6) persons on their visitation's list. Juvenile residents are permitted visitation from parents, legal guardians or other persons authorized by Juvenile Detention administration.

Visitors must be 21 years of age or accompanied by an authorized person 21 years or older. Visitors cannot be a victim of an inmate presently incarcerated in Wyandotte County Detention Center.

A visitor cannot have a felony conviction within five calendar years of the release from prison or jail, or be on probation or parole or a former employee or contractor of the Sheriff's Office.

Inmates charged with child endangerment, child abuse or sex offense will not receive any visitor under 21 years of age.

A. Visiting Schedules:

1. The Warden will be responsible for ensuring that adequate visiting hours are provided for eligible inmates. The Juvenile Administrator will be responsible for ensuring adequate visiting hours are provided for juvenile residents.
2. When an approved change to visiting hours occurs, adequate notification of anticipated change will be given and posted for inmates and residents. It is the responsibility of the individual inmate to notify family and friends of the change in visiting days or times. Juvenile Detention staff will notify the parents or legal guardian of juvenile residents.

B. Dress Code for Visitors:

The dress code shall consist of normal seasonal dress and footwear. Items causing denial of visiting privileges shall be scanty or revealing attire, beachwear, and sheer or see through spaghetti type tops, blouses without proper undergarments. Pants and tops which reveal the mid-section will also be prohibited. Underwear must be worn.

C. Visitor Searches:

Visitors may not be required to submit to a strip search as a condition of visiting unless the Detention Center has individualized or reasonable suspicion to believe that the visitor is concealing contraband or evidence of other intended violation of Detention Center rules. If the visitor refused to be strip searched the only recourse is denying the visit.

D. Rules and Regulations for Normal Visitation:

1. All hats, coats, purses, cell phones, knives etc. are to be locked up in lockers in the reception area prior to the visitors entering the facility.
2. All visitors are subject to a frisk/pat down and electronic search for contraband. Visitors are not permitted to introduce

any items into the visiting area that are not on the authorized articles list, without permission from the Warden.

3. All visitors are required to register thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled visiting time to allow ample time storing of personal items. Visitors will record their names, addresses and relationships to the inmate on a visitor log. Additional information may be required for identification purposes. NOTE: anyone showing up after the visitation has started the visit can be denied. This will be at the discretion of the shift supervisor.
4. Visitors must have proper picture identification issued by a city, county, state, or federal agency.
5. All visits will take place in the designated visiting areas unless approved otherwise by the Warden.
6. A maximum of two visitors will be allowed to visit any one inmate per visitation period. (Children less than 5 years will not count as a visitor.)
7. The refusal of an inmate or resident to see a particular visitor will be stated by the inmate, in writing, and logged in Bluhorse visitation module. The visitor shall be advised by the Receptionist.
8. Visiting will be orderly and on a first-come basis. Trustee visitation will be in accordance with Detention Center post orders.
9. A visitor shall not be permitted to visit more than one inmate at any one visitation time unless the visitor is a member of the immediate family of more than one inmate confined in the Detention Center. Other exceptions to this regulation are at the discretion of the Warden.
10. Regardless of any visiting list restrictions, visitation **is permitted** to the inmate's attorney of record or clergy during normal business hours unless any clear abuse of such a visit

may prove dangerous or harmful to the security and order of the Detention Center. There shall be no monitoring or recording of visits between inmates and their attorneys.

11. Visitors and inmates shall conduct themselves in a manner acceptable to the standards of good taste. Persons creating a loud disturbance or using obscene language will be asked to leave and the visit terminated.
12. Obscene actions or mannerisms will not be permitted.
13. Persons under the influence of alcoholic beverages or Narcotics will not be allowed to visit or enter the visiting area.
14. Visitation rights may be restricted if institutional disturbances occur.
15. The Security Staff may terminate a visit at any time when a violation of rules warrants such action pending review from the Warden.
16. Any visitor or inmate found in violation of any of these rules is subject to temporary or permanent suspension of visiting privileges or other appropriate action and can only be reinstated by the Warden or designee.

E. Special Visit:

Special visits will only be permitted when time, distance, or urgency are primary concerns to the visitor and inmate. This type of visit must be approved by the Warden or Shift Lieutenant.

F. Packages:

The only clothing accepted by the Property Deputy is clothing for Jury trial. Any books or other literature brought in for an inmate must have prior approval of the Warden.

G. Visitors with Active Confirmed Warrants

1. All visitors with active confirmed traffic warrants *should* be allowed to visit. Upon confirmation of the warrant, Records personnel WILL contact the Adult Shift Supervisor. The Shift Supervisor WILL have the arrest conducted AFTER conclusion of the visit. This policy is in effect for both Juvenile and Adult Detention Centers.
2. Visitors with felony warrants **will** be immediately arrested **PRIOR** to the visit.

H. Visitors who are Registered Offenders

All visitors who are registered offenders will not be allowed to visit.