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ARTICLE 8. MINORS IN JAILS

§ 1100. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to establish minimum standards for local adult detention facilities, Types II and III, in which minors are lawfully detained.

Unless otherwise specified in statute or these regulations, minors lawfully held in local adult detention facilities shall be subject to the regulations and statutes governing those facilities found in Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities, Title 15, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 4, Section 1000 et seq. and Title 24, Part 1, Section 13-102, and Part 2, Section 1231, California Code of Regulations.

An existing jail built in accordance with construction standards in effect at the time of construction and approved for the detention of minors by the Board shall be considered as being in compliance with the provisions of this article unless the condition of the structure is determined by the Board to be dangerous to life, health or welfare of minors.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 6024 and 6030, Penal Code. Reference: Section 6030, Penal Code.

§ 1101. Restrictions on Contact with Adult Prisoners.

The facility administrator shall establish policies and procedures to restrict contact, as defined in Section 1006, between detained minors and adults confined in the facility.

In situations where brief or accidental contact may occur, such as booking or facility movement, facility staff (trained in the supervision of inmates) shall maintain a constant, side-by-side presence with the minor or the adult to prevent sustained contact.

The above restrictions do not apply to minors who are participating in supervised program activities pursuant to Section 208 (c) of the Welfare and Institutions Code.


§ 1102. Classification.

The facility administrator shall develop and implement a written plan designed to provide for the safety of staff and minors held at the facility. The plan shall include the following:

(a) a procedure for receiving and transmitting information regarding minors who present a risk or hazard to self or others while confined at the facility, and the segregation of such minors to the extent possible within the limits of the facility.
(b) a procedure to provide care for any minor who appears to be in need of or who requests medical, mental health, or developmental disability treatment. Written procedures shall be established by the responsible health administrator in cooperation with the facility administrator.

(c) a suicide prevention program designed to identify, monitor, and provide treatment to those minors who present a suicide risk.

(d) provide that minors be housed separately from adults and not be allowed to come or remain in contact with adults except as provided in Sections 208(c) of the Welfare and Institutions Code.


Facility staff shall notify the parents or guardians prior to the release of a minor. The minor’s personal clothing and valuables shall be returned to the minor, parents or guardian, upon the minor’s release or consent.


§ 1104. Supervision of Minors.

The facility administrator shall develop and implement policy and procedures that provide for:

(a) continuous around-the-clock supervision of minors with assurance that staff can hear and respond; and,
(b) safety checks of minors at least once every 30 minutes. These safety checks shall include the direct visual observation of movement and/or skin. Safety checks shall not be replaced, but may be supplemented by, an audio/visual electronic surveillance system designed to detect overt, aggressive, or assaultive behavior and to summon aid in emergencies. All safety checks shall be documented.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 6024 and 6030, Penal Code. Reference: Section 6030, Penal Code.

§ 1105. Recreation Programs.

The facility administrator shall develop written policies and procedures to provide a recreation program that shall protect the welfare of minors and other inmates, recognize facility security needs and comply with minimum jail standards for recreation (California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 1065).

§ 1106. Disciplinary Procedures.

Nothing in this regulation shall prevent the administrator from removing a detained minor from the general population or program for reasons of the minor’s mental or physical health; or under any circumstances in which the safety of the minor, other inmates, staff, the program or community is endangered, pending a disciplinary action or review.

(a) Minors requiring disciplinary confinement shall be housed only in living areas designated for the detention of minors.
(b) Permitted forms of discipline include:
   (1) loss of privileges; and,
   (2) disciplinary confinement.
(c) Access to visitation and recreation shall be restricted only after a second level review by a supervisor or manager, and shall not extend beyond five days without subsequent review.
(d) A status review shall be conducted for those minors placed in disciplinary confinement no less than every 24 hours.
(e) Prohibited forms of discipline include:
   (1) discipline that does not fit the violation;
   (2) corporal punishment;
   (3) inmate imposed discipline;
   (4) placement in safety cells;
   (5) deprivation of food; and,
   (6) the adult disciplinary diet.


§ 1120. Education Program for Minors in Jails.

Whenever a minor is held in a Type II or III facility, the facility administrator shall coordinate with the County Department of Education or County Superintendent of Schools to provide education programs as required by Section 48200 of the Education Code.


§ 1121. Health Education for Minors in Jails.

The health administrator for each jail, in cooperation with the facility administrator and the local health officer, shall develop written policies and procedures to assure that age- and sex-appropriate health education and disease prevention programs are offered to minors.

The education program shall be updated as necessary to address current health priorities and meet the needs of the confined population.

§ 1122. Reproductive Information and Services for Minors in Jails.

The health administrator, in cooperation with the facility administrator, shall develop written policies and procedures to assure that reproductive health services are available to both male and female minors in jails.

Such services shall include, but not be limited to, those prescribed by Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 220, 221 and 222 and Health and Safety Code Section 123450.


§ 1123. Health Appraisals/Medical Examinations for Minors in Jails.

When a minor is held in a jail, the health administrator, in cooperation with the facility administrator, shall develop policy and procedures to assure that a health appraisal/medical examination:

(a) is received from the sending facility at or prior to the time of transfer; and
(b) is reviewed by designated health care staff at the receiving facility; or,
(c) absent a previous appraisal/examination or receipt of the record, a health appraisal/medical examination, as outlined in Minimum Standards for Juvenile Facilities, Section 1432, Health Appraisals/Medical Examinations is completed on the minor within 96 hours of admission.


§ 1124. Prostheses and Orthopedic Devices for Minors in Jails.

The health administrator, in cooperation with the facility administrator and the responsible physician shall develop written policy and procedures regarding the provision, retention and removal of medical and dental prostheses, including eyeglasses and hearing aids for minors in jail.

(a) Prostheses shall be provided when the health of the minor in the jail would otherwise be adversely affected, as determined by the responsible physician.
(b) Procedures for retention and removal of prostheses shall comply with the requirements of Penal Code Section 2656.

§ 1125. Psychotropic Medications for Minors in Jail.

The health administrator/responsible physician, in cooperation with the mental health director and the facility administrator, shall develop written policies and procedures governing the use of voluntary and involuntary psychotropic medications for minors.

(a) These policies and procedures shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) protocols for physicians’ written and verbal orders for psychotropic medications in dosages appropriate to the minor’s need;

(2) limitation to the length of time required for a physician’s signature on verbal orders;

(3) the length of time voluntary and involuntary medications may be ordered and administered before re-evaluation by a physician;

(4) provision that minors who are on psychotropic medications prescribed in the community are continued on their medications pending re-evaluation and further determination by a physician;

(5) provision that the necessity for continuation on psychotropic medications is addressed in pre-release planning and prior to transfer to another facility or program; and,

(6) provision for regular clinical/administrative review of utilization patterns for all psychotropic medications, including every emergency situation.

(b) Psychotropic medications shall not be administered to a minor absent an emergency unless informed consent has been given by the parent/guardian or the court.

(1) Minors shall be informed of the expected benefits, potential side effects and alternatives to psychotropic medications.

(2) Absent an emergency, minors may refuse treatment.

(c) Minors found by a physician to be a danger to themselves or others by reason of a mental disorder may be involuntarily given psychotropic medication immediately necessary for the preservation of life or the prevention of serious bodily harm, and when there is insufficient time to obtain consent from the parent, guardian, or court before the threatened harm would occur. It is not necessary for harm to take place or become unavoidable prior to initiating treatment.

(d) Administration of psychotropic medication is not allowed for disciplinary reasons.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 6024 and 6030, Penal Code. Reference: Section 6030, Penal Code.
ARTICLE 9. MINORS IN TEMPORARY CUSTODY IN A LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY

§ 1140. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to establish minimum standards for law enforcement facilities in which minors are held in secure or non-secure custody.

Unless otherwise specified in statute or these regulations, minors lawfully held in local adult detention facilities shall be subject to the regulations and statutes governing those facilities found in Title 15, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 4, Section 1000 et seq. and Title 24, Part 1, Section 13-102, and Part 2, Section 1231, California Code of Regulations.


§ 1141. Minors Arrested for Law Violations.

Any minor taken into temporary custody by a peace officer, on the basis that they are a person described by Section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, may be held in secure or non-secure custody within a law enforcement facility that contains a lockup for adults provided that the standards set forth in these regulations are met.


§ 1142. Written Policies and Procedures.

The facility administrator shall develop written policies and procedures concerning minors being held in temporary custody which shall address:

(a) suicide risk and prevention;
(b) use of restraints;
(c) emergency medical assistance and services; and,
(d) prohibiting use of discipline.


§ 1143. Care of Minors in Temporary Custody.

(a) The following shall be made available to all minors held in temporary custody:
(1) access to toilets and washing facilities;
(2) one snack upon request during term of temporary custody if the minor has not eaten within the past four (4) hours or is otherwise in need of nourishment;
(3) access to drinking water;
(4) privacy during consultation with family, guardian, and/or lawyer;
(5) blankets and clothing, as necessary, to assure the comfort of the minor; and,
(6) his or her personal clothing unless the clothing is inadequate, presents a health or safety problem, or is required to be utilized as evidence of an offense.


§ 1144. Contact Between Minors and Adult Prisoners.

The facility administrator shall establish policies and procedures to restrict contact, as defined in Section 1006, between minors and adults confined in the facility.

In situations where brief or accidental contact may occur, such as booking or facility movement, facility staff (trained in the supervision of inmates) shall maintain a constant, side-by-side presence with the minor or the adult to prevent sustained contact.


§ 1145. Decision on Secure Custody.

A minor who is taken into temporary custody by a peace officer on the basis that he or she is a person described by Section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code may be held in secure custody in a law enforcement facility that contains a lockup for adults if the minor is 14 years of age or older and if, in the reasonable belief of the peace officer, the minor presents a serious security risk of harm to self or others, as long as all other conditions of secure custody set forth in these standards are met. Any minor in temporary custody who is less than 14 years of age, or who does not in the reasonable belief of the peace officer present a serious security risk of harm to self or others, shall not be placed in secure custody, but may be kept in non-secure custody in the facility as long as all other conditions of non-secure custody set forth in these standards are met.

In making the determination whether the minor presents a serious security risk of harm to self or others, the officer may take into account the following factors:

(a) age, maturity, and delinquent history of the minor;
(b) severity of the offense(s) for which the minor was taken into custody;
(c) minor’s behavior, including the degree to which the minor appears to be cooperative or non-cooperative;
(d) the availability of staff to provide adequate supervision or protection of the minor; and,
(e) the age, type, and number of other individuals who are detained in the facility.


§ 1146. Conditions of Secure Custody.

While in secure custody, minors may be locked in a room or other secure enclosure, secured to a cuffing rail, or otherwise reasonably restrained as necessary to prevent escape and protect the minor and others from harm.


(a) Minors shall receive adequate supervision which, at a minimum, includes:

(1) constant auditory access to staff by the minor; and,
(2) safety checks, as defined in Section 1006, of the minor by staff of the law enforcement facility, at least once every 30 minutes, which shall be documented.

(b) Males and females shall not be placed in the same locked room unless under constant direct visual observation by staff of the law enforcement facility.


Minors held in secure custody outside of a locked enclosure shall not be secured to a stationary object for more than 60 minutes unless no other locked enclosure is available. A staff person from the facility shall provide constant direct visual observation to assure the minor’s safety while secured to a stationary object. Securing minors to a stationary object for longer than 60 minutes, and every 30 minutes thereafter, shall be approved by a supervisor. The decision for securing a minor to a stationary object for longer than 60 minutes, and every 30 minutes thereafter shall be based upon the best interests of the minor and shall be documented.


Minors held in temporary custody, who do not meet the criteria for secure custody as specified in Section 207.1(d) of the Welfare and Institutions Code, may be held in non-secure custody to investigate the case, facilitate release of the minor to a parent or guardian, or arrange for transfer of the minor to an appropriate juvenile facility.


§ 1150. Supervision of Minors in Non-Secure Custody.

Minors held in non-secure custody shall receive constant direct visual observation by staff of the law enforcement facility. Entry and release times shall be documented and made available for review. Monitoring a minor using audio, video, or other electronic devices shall never replace constant direct visual observation.


§ 1151. Minors Under the Influence of Any Intoxicating Substance in Secure or Non-Secure Custody.

Facility administrators shall develop policies and procedures providing that a medical clearance shall be obtained for minors who are under the influence of drugs, alcohol or any other intoxicating substance to the extent that they are unable to care for themselves.

Supervision of minors in secure custody in a locked room who display outward signs of being under the influence of drugs, alcohol or any other intoxicating substance shall include safety checks at least once every 15 minutes until resolution of the intoxicated state or release. These safety checks shall be documented, with actual time of occurrence recorded.

Supervision of minors in secure custody outside of a locked room who display outward signs of being under the influence of drugs, alcohol or any other intoxicating substance shall be supervised in accordance with Section 1148.

Supervision of minors in nonsecure custody who display outward signs of being under the influence of drugs, alcohol or any other intoxicating substance shall be supervised in accordance with Section 1150.

ARTICLE 10. MINORS IN COURT HOLDING FACILITIES

§ 1160. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to establish minimum standards for court holding facilities in which minors are held pending appearance in juvenile or criminal court.

Unless otherwise specified in statute or these regulations, minors held in court holding facilities shall be subject to the regulations and statutes governing those facilities found in Title 15, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 4, Section 1000 et seq. and Title 24, Part I, Section 13-102, and Part 2, Section 1231, California Code of Regulations.


§ 1161. Conditions of Detention.

Court holding facilities shall be designed to provide the following:

(a) Separation of minors from adults in accordance with Section 208 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
(b) Segregation of minors in accordance with an established classification plan.
(c) Secure non-public access, movement within and egress. If the same entrance/exit is used by both minors and adults, movements shall be scheduled in such a manner that there is no opportunity for contact.

An existing court holding facility built in accordance with construction standards at the time of construction shall be considered as being in compliance with this article unless the condition of the structure is determined by the appropriate authority to be dangerous to life, health, or welfare of minors. Upon notification of noncompliance with this section, the facility administrator shall develop and submit a plan for corrective action to the Board within 90 days.


§ 1162. Supervision of Minors.

A sufficient number of personnel shall be employed in each facility to permit unscheduled safety checks of all minors at least twice every 30 minutes, and to ensure the implementation and operation of the activities required by these regulations. There shall be a written plan that includes the documentation of safety checks.

§ 1163. Classification.

The administrator of a court holding facility shall establish and implement a written plan designed to provide for the safety of staff and minors held at the facility. The plan shall include receiving and transmitting of information regarding minors who represent a risk or hazard to self or others while confined at the facility, and the segregation of such minors to the extent possible within the limits of the court holding facility, and for the separation of minors from any adult inmate(s) as required by Section 208 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.