

<b>Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction</b> <b>Administrative Rule</b>		
<b>Minimum Standards for Full Service Jails</b>	<b>5120:1-8-07</b>	<b>Visitation - Full Service Jail</b>

(A) Each jail administrator shall IMPLEMENT written policies and procedures governing prisoner visitation.

(B) Each jail shall provide a secure visiting area free from obstructions or obstacles to normal conversation or viewing.

(1) The area shall be equipped with sufficient seating and lighting and shall provide reasonable privacy.

(2) Lighting in attorney visiting areas shall be a minimum of twenty foot-candles.

(3) Contact visits shall be permitted at the discretion of the jail administrator.

(C) Each jail shall maintain a record of visitors including date, visitor name, prisoner visited and length of visit. All visitors shall be required to show proper identification.

(D) General visiting hours shall be scheduled at the discretion of the jail administrator but shall provide for visiting during each of the following periods:

(1) Daytime hours, Monday through Friday.

(2) Evening hours.

(3) Weekends.

(E) When circumstances prevent visits from occurring during general visiting hours, special visits shall be allowed at times and under conditions as approved by the facility administrator or designee.

(F) Each prisoner shall be permitted a minimum of one weekly visiting period of no less than thirty minutes or two fifteen-minute sessions, unless circumstances dictate temporary suspension (e.g., major disturbance).

(G) Visitors shall be subjected to security controls established by the jail administrator to prevent contraband and weapons from being brought into the jail.

(H) Prisoners shall not be restricted in regard to whom they visit unless the facility administrator determines that a visitor should be excluded due to the existence of one or more of the conditions listed in paragraph (I) of this rule.

(I) Visitations can be denied by the jail administrator under the following conditions:

- (1) The visitor represents a clear and present danger to security.
- (2) The visitor has a past history of disruptive conduct at the jail.
- (3) The visitor is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- (4) The visitor refuses to submit to a search or show proper identification.
- (5) The prisoner refuses the visit.
- (6) Visiting restrictions have been placed on the prisoner for reasons involving discipline or security.
- (7) The facility administrator determines that there are other substantial reasons to justify such limitations in order to promote the safe and secure operation of the facility. Such reasons shall be documented in writing.

(J) The jail staff shall not listen to visitors' conversations but may observe the visitation.

(K) Any attorney of record shall be allowed to visit his client at all reasonable times, both daytime and evenings.

(L) CLERGY shall be allowed to visit a prisoner at all reasonable times, both daytime and evenings.

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