

JASPER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JAIL DIVISION

17.00-INMATE VISITING PRIVILEGES

17.01-Policy

It is the policy of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office, to specify eligibility, frequency, times and procedure governing the visiting between inmates and their authorized visitors while incarcerated in the Jasper County Jail.

17.02-Visitation

Each inmate is provided the opportunity to have a minimum of two 20 minute visits per week. Visitation for Jasper County inmates will be Saturday and Sunday between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 7:00P.M. Special visits or extended visits may be allowed with the permission of the Jail Administrator, Shift Supervisor, or the Sheriff. Visitation hours will be extended to accommodate required visitation. Each inmate is allowed 20 minutes visitation during each visitation day. Visitors are required to call during the week in order to schedule visits.

17.03-Authorized Visitors

1. Visitor(s) must be on the inmates approved visitation card.
2. Visitor(s) must present proper identification when visiting.
3. No purses, cell phones or packages allowed in the visitation area.
4. Proper dress code will be required of visitors. Mini-skirts, shorts, or revealing shirts are not allowed.
5. Visitors who are previous Jasper County Inmates will not be allowed to visit inmates for 90 days from the date of their release from this facility unless visitor has written permission from the Sheriff or Jail Administrator.
6. Upon an inmate's request, the Jail Administrator or Sheriff may allow visitor(s) not otherwise authorized by this policy. These special requests will be approved or disapproved on an individual basis.
7. Under no circumstances will jail personnel force any inmate to visit individuals that the inmate does not want to visit.
8. Children 16 years of age and under will be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or legal counsel.
9. Former employees will not be allowed to visit unless they have authorization from the Sheriff.
10. Persons currently on probation or parole will not be allowed to visit without special written permission from a probation/parole officer and the Sheriff.

17.04- Monies left for Inmates at Visitation

All incoming money for an inmate will be in the form of a money order or cashiers check made out to the following: Inmate Trust Fund- (Inmates Name). No cash money will be accepted for an inmate. Visitors are not allowed to bring any items for inmate without prior approval.

17.05- Attorney / Client Visitation

Attorneys will be allowed to visit their clients between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. with the following exceptions:

1. during visitation
2. during feeding
3. during count
4. during any emergency situation

17.06- Contact Visitation

This facility does not allow any contact visitation under normal situations. However in some instances the Jail Administrator, Chief or Sheriff may allow for a contact visit. This will be based on the emergency and availability of staff to insure the safety and security of the facility.

17.07- Emergency Visitation

The Jail Administrator, Chief or Sheriff may allow an emergency visitation. The decision will be based on the evidences of an emergency and availability of staff to insure the safety and security of the facility.

17.08- Minor Children with a Guardian

Minor children shall be accompanied by a parent, guardian or legal counsel when required. If the minor has a legal guardian, that person must provide letters of guardianship as provided by section 1002.12, 1106.1-1106.03 Estates Code, before being allowed to visit with the inmate. The guardian, at the guardian's request, shall be placed on the inmates' visitation list and shall have access to the inmate during regular visitation hours to an eligible inmate. The guardians' visit will be in addition to normal visitation.

17.09- Video Visitation

Inmates have access to video visitation by way of a kiosk located in general population cells. Kiosks are provided by an outside contractor. Inmates are allowed to send and receive text messages and have video visits to family and friends at a cost. Payment is made the same as the telephone system; inmates can move money from their trust fund account to their phone accounts. Visitors are also allowed to set up an account so they can pay for and initiate the visit. Visits can be scheduled between the hours of 7 am and 10 pm daily. All communication can be monitored by staff except for visits with attorney. A kiosk is provided in attorney visitation for confidentiality. Attorneys must call jail staff to advise them of the video visit. Inmates and their visitors are required to be fully dressed for video visits. There will be only one warning given before an inmate and/or the visitor is restricted. Restriction can range from one week to one month, depending on the level of nudity, language, or explicit behavior. If there is a second occurrence, video visitation privileges may be suspended permanently. Video visitation is a privilege provided in addition to regular, non-contact visits. **Destruction of kiosks can result in charges being filed by outside vendor.**