

When a juvenile is booked into the Juvenile Detention Center:

The juvenile arrives at the facility and enters into a secure area where he/she is escorted into the building by the arresting officer. They are met by a detention officer. Upon entering the facility, the juvenile enters a smaller secured area. A medical clearance is required for any juvenile who appears to be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or otherwise impaired or injured.

The juvenile is required to submit to a breathalyzer test and a clothed body search or “pat down”. The pat down is done by a detention officer of the same gender. The search is performed to ensure the juvenile is not in possession of any contraband such as illegal drugs, weapons or any items that are not issued or approved by the detention facility. Once this is completed, the juvenile is escorted into the facility.

Once in the intake area, an inventory of the juvenile’s clothes and possessions are taken and recorded. The juvenile is then photographed.

The juvenile is then escorted to a private shower where an unclothed body search or “strip search” is completed by a detention officer of the same gender. A second detention officer acts as a witness. The second officer is present to witness that no contact between the officer and juvenile takes place. It also ensures that no contraband is brought into the detention facility. Once showered, the juvenile is issued a set of detention clothes (underwear, socks, shoes, pants, t-shirt and a sweatshirt depending on the time of year).

Juveniles are evaluated to determine:

- Emotional level and suicide risk
- Drug history
- Gang affiliation
- Medical history
- Identify scars, marks, tattoos or body piercings

A detention officer then contacts the juvenile’s parents/guardian to review and verify the information the juvenile has provided. At this time, the juvenile is permitted a ten minute booking phone call. Either party may refuse the call. However, this is the only time a free call will be offered unless circumstances demand otherwise. The juvenile is assigned a housing unit or “wing” and a room number. He/she is provided with two blankets, two mats, pillow and a pillowcase upon entering the wing and room.

The juvenile is seen by medical staff within 24 hours of his/her being detained. Female detainees are required to provide a urine sample to determine if they are pregnant. After being assessed by medical staff, juveniles having prescribed medications will be documented by medical staff. Medications will be dispensed as prescribed. Certain types of medications will not be dispensed such as sleep aids and certain types of narcotic drugs.