



**SHELBY COUNTY
REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY**

SHELBY COUNTY
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**BASIC INFORMATION FOR
PARENTS, GUARDIAN, CAREGIVERS**

We understand you may have questions about our facility and your child's care while being detained here. It is our desire to provide a safe and healthy environment. We have procedures and policies, which are designed to help maintain a safe and secure facility for the detainees and our staff. The statements below address common questions and may help to avoid issues from arising concerning our policies and procedures.

- During the parent/guardian's first visit to the facility he/she will be asked to sign a release form for medical/dental/mental health care should the need for such services arise during the juvenile's stay.
- If a detainee is taking prescription medication, the parents should advise the facility. The parent shall bring the medication to the facility in the prescription container that was supplied by the pharmacy. The label on the prescription container must clearly state the detainee's name and the dispensing instructions. The appropriate staff dispenses medication as prescribed on the original bottle. Prescription changes must be made in writing by the detainee's doctor or appropriate medical personnel.
- Over the counter medications are available at the facility. Detention staff administers medications associated with upset stomach, headaches and cold or allergy symptoms. Our nurse is involved with medical screenings, sick call and medicines.
- We are detaining your child at the direction of the court. We do not make decisions concerning your child's legal case, nor do we set the release time. Please contact Juvenile Court Services at 669-3831 with questions concerning your child's legal case.
- A detainee may not have a visit on the first weekend at the facility if they have not been to court.
- Detainees will have non-contact visits until they earn enough points through our Behavior Modification Program (BMP) and achieve a level that allows for a contact visit. The privilege of a contact visit may be removed when the detainee's behavior has been inappropriate.
- To schedule a visit a parent or guardian is to call 669-3990 and request an appointment time. Visitations are routinely scheduled for Saturday or Sunday, 30 minutes in length, visitation hours are 9-11 a.m. and 1-5 p.m.
- Detainees can receive mail from family and friends. All mail is opened and inspected. You cannot mail items to the detainee such as gum, candy, stickers, pictures...etc. Detainees are not allowed to keep personal items in their rooms.
- Detainees can earn the privilege to place a weekly phone call to a parent, grandparent or guardian. After earning enough points and attaining the appropriate level, the detainee will have the call placed by detention staff. Staff will monitor the call and may terminate a call if they determine the conversation is inappropriate or suspects the detainee is not talking with their parent or guardian. Detainees are not allowed to talk with girlfriends, boyfriends or other unauthorized persons.
- The detainees shower daily and are provided clean clothing to wear. The detainees brush their teeth twice a day. The detention facility provides shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant and other personal hygiene items. You are not permitted to provide personal hygiene items unless a special need arises with your child. A detention staff member will notify you if a special need arises.
- No visitors are permitted to drive or walk around the grounds to see detainees through a window or while they are on the recreation yard.

Thank you for your attention to the above statements.

Debra RouLaine, Detention Manager