

TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
DIVISION 5: JUVENILE JUSTICE

§ 5143. Standards for Detention.

The following shall be minimum standards for the detention of juveniles provided for in this chapter:

(a) Juvenile detention facilities must be so constructed and/or maintained as to keep juveniles segregated from adult offenders or those being treated as adult offenders under this chapter, with no contact as to sight and/or sound between the two classes.

(b) Juvenile detention facilities must provide supervision and observation of juvenile detainees sufficient to protect the physical and mental health of the detainees.

(c) Juveniles held in detention must be provided with at least three adequate and nutritional meals per day.

(d) Juveniles held in detention must have access to reading materials on a regular and systematic basis. Detained juveniles may receive books, newspapers and periodicals from any source including delivery to the detention facilities by family members, subject to the right of detention authorities to inspect and remove dangerous or harmful materials. Detention authorities may forbid the introduction of obscene books or periodicals.

(e) A visiting program shall be established in juvenile detention facilities which will allow for family visits to each juvenile for at least two hours each week.

Source: PL 16-47, § 16, modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission replaced “Act” with “chapter” and removed figures that repeated written words pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(d) and (e).

For information regarding the transfer of the Juvenile Detention Unit from DYS to the Department of Corrections and the responsibilities of DYS, see Commission Comment to 6 CMC §§ 5111-12.