



ALACHUA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Support Services Division/Booking Support Bureau

Visitation Rules

All inmate visitors are subject to warrant checks and arrest. Individuals who are court ordered not to have contact with the inmate will not be allowed to visit. If an attempt to visit is made, that inmate's visitation privilege will be revoked for all visitors (except legally mandated visits) during that inmate's period of incarceration.

Visitors may not bring any animals into the Department of the Jail other than service animals as defined by the ADA. Other animals, including "emotional support animals" are not allowed.

Visitors who become rude and/or use vulgar or abusive language while in the lobby or visitation areas will be asked to leave. Failure to leave when asked may result in arrest.

Visitor Dress Code

- No shorts higher than mid-thigh are permitted. Bathing suits are not permitted.
- No skirts or dresses that are shorter than knee length
- Shirts must have sleeves and will cover the entire upper torso
- Pants must be above the waistline and not expose under garments
- No sheer/see-through, form-fitting, or clothing with holes or cut-outs
- No coats, jackets, hoodies or sweaters
- No hats, caps, scarves or "do-rags"

Visitors deemed to be dressed inappropriately by jail staff will not be allowed to visit.

Inmates will be responsible for the behavior of their visitors. Obscene and/or offensive gestures, acts or language are strictly prohibited.

All inmates not on disciplinary confinement will be provided the opportunity for: Two (2) hours of non-contact visitation per week (Sunday through Saturday). This can be accomplished by having two (2) one-hour sessions.

Visitation hours which conclude within one hour of arrival may result in a shortened visit, or no visit, for this period.

Inmates are responsible for keeping track of their visitation time. Visits that repeatedly go over the visitation time could result in loss of visitation privileges for a period of thirty (30) days.

Visitors arriving more than fifteen (15) minutes after the start time of the visitation will not be permitted to visit.

All inmate visits, to include off-site internet visits, must be prescheduled twenty-four (24) hours in advance via the electronic registration system.

Visitation privileges will be allowed for all inmates twenty-four (24) hours after they attend first appearance, or twenty-four (24) hours following booking for all other inmates who are not being first appeared. Attorneys and clergy are the only exceptions to this rule.

A total of two (2) visitors are allowed per visitation session.

Visitors are permitted to visit only one (1) inmate per day; the inmate they have signed up to visit.

Visitors who are unruly or under the visible influence of drugs or alcohol will be denied visitation.

Proper photo identification is required of all visitors (*Driver License, State ID, Military ID, Passport*). Altered or expired identification will not be accepted as positive identification for visitors.

- Any person under the age of eighteen (18), unless emancipated by the court as an adult, must be accompanied by an adult.
- Minors who are visiting must stay in physical custody of their chaperone at all times. Persons electing not to maintain physical custody of their children, after reasonable notice, shall have their visit terminated.
- Minors of the age of sixteen (16) and over must present a valid form of identification
- Children under the age of twenty-four (24) months are not included in the visitors count.
- Visitation schedules will be posted in the housing unit or with the duty post officer.

Property for inmates will not be accepted during visitation and no items will be transferred between a visitor and an inmate.

There will be no defacing of facility property. This includes telephones, seats, walls, windows, etc.

Visitors may not bring in any medication when entering the facility with the exception of nitroglycerin, respiratory inhalers, or other substances ordered by a physician, nor can they carry any personal property and/or food or drinks into any portion of the facility.

The Department of the Jail reserves the right to search any person who enters or leaves the facility. All visitors must successfully clear the metal detector or be searched prior to entering the facility. Introduction of contraband into a correctional facility is a violation of state law and may result in arrest and criminal prosecution.

Visitors are not allowed to bring cell phones and/or cameras into the visitation area. If this occurs, the inmate will receive a disciplinary report. Both the visitor and the inmate could lose their visitation privileges.

Visitors are allowed to breastfeed during their visitation period as long as they adhere to the following:

- Visitors may breastfeed their child only in the “public” area of the jail, i.e., the lobby.
- Visitors must wear a cover, which will be subject to search prior to entering the visitation area, and follow the current established dress code. At no time will any part of the breast be exposed while in the visiting area.
- Visitors who choose to breastfeed during the visitation must visit via the monitors located within the lobby of the Department of the Jail.

Violation of any rule may result in the visitation period being ended and future visitation privileges being suspended. [FCAC 16.10]

The Department of the Jail reserves the right to refuse the entrance of any person, or terminate any visit when deemed necessary, to enforce the rules and regulations of the facility.

Clergy visitation will only be granted for ordained pastors or persons serving as the spiritual leaders of a duly chartered, incorporated congregation. Requests for this privilege shall be coordinated and approved through the Department of the Jail Chaplain prior to any visits and valid credentials/identification will be required for verification.

- Clergy will be allowed to visit at a time which does not disrupt normal operations of the facility and shall not interfere with the inmate’s normal two (2) hours per week visitation.
- Preferred visitation time for clergy is Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for males; and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for females.
- Approved clergy will sign in using the [Facility Visitors Log](#), DOJ 99-30, which is located in the Lobby prior to visiting.
- Inmates who have immediate family members (mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, brother, sister) who are a member of the clergy and have been approved through the Chaplain will not be allowed the use of clergy visitation privileges under any circumstances.