

PUBLIC VISITING – INMATE RULES



The Sheriff and staff of the Butte County Jail recognize the social and psychological importance of inmates being able to visit with family and friends during their period of incarceration. To optimize the opportunity for inmates to receive visitors, while maintaining inmate safety and facility security, the following policies have been adopted and will be uniformly enforced:

1. Visiting days and hours are posted in each inmate housing unit, and are listed on the jail's automated telephone service – 530 538-7471. Visiting times may also be found on the sheriff's web page at <http://www.buttecounty.net/sheriff>.
2. The inmate may have two 45 minute visiting periods each week. One visiting period on Saturday and another one on Sunday.
3. Visitors need to register at the West Facility Visiting Center or the Main Jail Lobby (depending upon the inmate's housing location) prior to the visit. Visitors register by completing an Inmate Visitor Form and presenting the form and a valid, photo identification card issued by an agency of the U.S. Federal or State government, (i.e., state vehicle operator's license, state identification card, military identification card, passport, visa, resident alien identification card, etc.), to the visiting sign-up officer.
4. Visitors must be eighteen (18) years of age unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Proof of relationship or guardianship will be required for all teenage visitors. The watch commander may make exceptions in unusual or special circumstances.
5. Visiting periods start promptly at the assigned times. Visitors are recommended to arrive 20 to 30 minutes prior to the assigned visiting times. They must be registered 15 minutes before the visiting times so that the inmates can be moved to the visiting area. Late registration cannot be permitted. Only the watch commander, under unusual or special circumstances, may authorize visiting at other times.
6. Persons currently on S.W.A.P., E.S.P., Sheriff's Parole, or having been released from any incarceration within the past thirty (30) days are not allowed to visit.
7. Any persons on active parole or any persons having been convicted of a felony and confined in any state prison in this State will not be allowed upon the grounds of the Butte County Sheriff's Department without prior written permission from the Jail Commander. A felon entering these premises without prior written consent is in violation of State law, and will be arrested and charges with a felony. (Penal Code 4571)
8. Inmates will submit to a search by correctional staff.
9. Inmates will not take anything to the visiting area except religious materials when visiting with clergy or legal documents or books when visiting with attorneys or investigators.
10. Inmates will leave the visiting areas immediately when directed by the correctional staff.
11. Inmates will remain seated in the designated visiting area unless specifically instructed otherwise by the correctional staff.
12. Inmates will not receive anything from visitors. Inmates will not bring anything back into the correctional facilities from the visiting area without permission of the correctional staff.
13. Inmates that could not receive visits during regular visiting times due to lack of sufficient visiting spaces will be rescheduled after regular visiting times.