

Section 4: Housing

Subject: Housing

Minimum Standard: 5120:1-8-04(A)(B)(C)(D)(E)(F)(G)(H)(I)(J)(K)(L)

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POLICY

It is the policy of the Erie County Jail to provide sufficient space, seating, air circulation, temperature, toilet and lavatory, shower, wash basin, and natural light for inmates in accordance with the Jail Minimum Standards. The jail shall maintain documentation regarding square footage and maximum occupancy figures for all housing and holding areas.

PROCEDURE

1. **Sufficient Space**

- a. Holding Cells – Sixty square feet for one to three occupants with twenty square feet for each additional occupant up to a maximum of one hundred and twenty square feet
- b. Housing Cells – Seventy square feet for single occupancy
- c. Dormitory Sleeping Space – Fifty Square feet per occupant
- d. Day Space – Thirty five square feet per number of occupants occupying day space at one time. Minimum size of one hundred and five square feet

2. **Seating** – Each inmate shall be provided with a seat

- a. Each cell will contain a seat
- b. Each dayroom will contain a seat for each inmate

3. **Air Circulation** – All housing areas will have air circulation of fifteen cubic feet of outside or recirculated filtered air per minute per occupant

4. **Temperature** – will be mechanically raised or lowered to acceptable comfort levels

5. **Sanitation Facilities** – shall include access to an operable flush toilet and lavatory with hot and cold potable water on a twenty four hour basis without staff assistance

- a. Toilet, Wash Basin, and Shower facilities will be provided at a rate of one operable for every twelve occupants.
- b. Shower Temperatures will be controlled thermostatically in a range from one hundred five to one hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit

6. **Noise Levels** – shall not exceed seventy decibels in daytime and forty-five decibels at night.

7. **Natural Light** – shall be provided in housing units, dorms, cells and/or dayroom spaces

8. **Unadjudicated Juveniles** – will be housed separated by sight and sound from adult inmates

9. No inmate will be denied access to clothing, bed, bedding, toilet, lavatory, or showers without being reviewed on a daily basis by the Jail Administrator or designee.