



VAN BUREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Visitation Rules

Inmates of the Van Buren County Jail are allowed two (2) visits per visitation day, not to exceed 20 minutes per visit. The first two persons who request to visit an inmate on either day will constitute the aforementioned limit regarding visits.

The following Visitation Rules are now in effect. Please take the time to read these rules which are posted on the front and back of this sheet. Failure to comply with these rules could result in you being denied visitation and you will be asked to leave the facility.

1. No tobacco on Van Buren County property.
2. No cell phones or cell phone use allowed in lobbies during visitation hours. This includes push to talk, texting and etc...
3. Be prepared to present Identification when you are requested to do so.
4. No loud talking or rowdiness allowed anywhere in building. Wait quietly and patiently for your turn. You may be asked to leave.
5. No personal property, food or beverage will be allowed upstairs during visitation. It is recommended that personal property is secured in your vehicles prior to coming in for visitation. This property would include and not inclusive to hand bags, coats, diaper bags, baby carriers, purses, cell phones, tobacco products, lighters, matches, medicines, weapons, property or other contraband deemed as prohibited property by staff.
6. Visitors must be dressed in a socially accepted manor. Clothing may not be sexually or revealing in any way. Revealing clothing is determined at the discretion of the staff.
7. You must pass through a metal detector in order to attend visitation. If you are unable to do so successfully you may be denied visitation. If you set off the detector you will be asked to go to the back of that line to remove any items and attempt again. If you have a medical card in reference to metal detectors, please present it.
8. Children will remain with a parent or guardian and under control during visitation and in all lobbies. If you leave your child in the lobby they must be left with a responsible person who can control them.
9. Children that are 2 years of age or older may visit with a parent or guardian. However, if a child visits with a parent or guardian, this will be considered as two visits. Only one child per one parent allowed upstairs. Children who have not reached the age of 2 will not count as a visit, proof may be required. The

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- visit will cease if a child is not with the parent and is running around the visitation area.
10. Violation of any of the jail visitation rules could result in the loss or partial loss of visitation privileges.
 11. No communications or attempted communications to inmates from outside the facility. This is a misdemeanor and is punishable by 90 days and/or \$500.00 fine per County Ordinance 004. The outside of the facility is monitored by cameras.
 12. Property release forms must be made out ahead. If not you must come back after 4pm.
 13. Do not ask when or what time your visit is. You must be present when your name is called or you will go to the end.
 14. Only the following items will be accepted for inmates:
 - a) Personal Bibles
 - b) Books and magazines (subject to approval, must be donated to jail), no more than three each brought in at a time.
 - c) Clothes (may be brought in within one week of inmates release or for jury trial)
 - d) Any items not specified above must first have the written approval of the Sheriff, Undersheriff, Jail Administrator, Asst. Jail Administrator, or Shift Sergeant.

Because of the nature of this institution, everyone shall be under the jurisdiction and control of the officers on duty in the jail. They are responsible for your safety, as well as the conduct of the inmates. No one will be permitted to wander through the cell blocks.

Thank You,
Lt. Robert Kirk, Jail Administrator

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