



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5120:1-10-04 Housing.

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(A) Twelve-day jails will provide inmates with sufficient space. The jail shall maintain documentation regarding square footage and maximum occupancy figures for all housing and holding areas and shall comply with the following minimum requirements:

(1) Holding cells:

(Important) Sixty square feet for one to three occupants with twenty square feet for each additional occupant up to a maximum of one-hundred twenty square feet (six occupants).

(2) Housing cells:

(a) (Important) Seventy square feet for single occupancy; forty-eight square feet in jails constructed prior to 1983.

(b) (Important) One-hundred square feet with seven feet least dimension for double occupancy, stacked bunks, one hundred and ten square feet with nine feet least dimension for double occupancy, single bunks.

(c) (Important) One-hundred forty-five square feet with nine feet least dimension for triple occupancy, stacked bunks and a single bunk; one-hundred and seventy square feet with twelve feet least dimension for triple occupancy, single bunks.

(d) (Important) One-hundred eighty square feet with nine feet least dimension for quadruple occupancy, two stacked bunks, two-hundred fifteen square feet with twelve feet dimension for quadruple occupancy, single bunks.

(3) Dormitory sleeping space:



(Important) Fifty square feet per occupant, except forty-eight square feet in jails constructed prior to 1983 wherein the formula will be based upon requirements of paragraph (A)(2)(a) of rule 5120:1-10-04 of the Administrative Code.

(B) (Important) Seating will be provided in holding areas, holding cells, housing cells, dormitories, dayrooms and eating areas for each inmate.

(C) (Important) Single cells/rooms and multiple occupancy cells/rooms/dormitories will have an air circulation of fifteen cubic feet of outside or recirculated, filtered air per minute per occupant, or as required by the local jurisdiction. Documentation from a qualified source shall be maintained by the jail.

(D) (Important) Temperature is mechanically raised or lowered to acceptable comfort levels.

(E) (Important) Sanitation facilities will include access to an operable flush toilet and lavatory with hot and cold potable water on a twenty-four hour a day basis without staff assistance.

(F) (Important) Toilet facilities at a minimum of one operable toilet for every twelve occupants.

(G) (Important) Shower facilities at a minimum of one operable shower for every twelve occupants. Water temperatures will be controlled thermostatically in a range from one-hundred five to one-hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit.

(H) (Important) One operable wash basin with hot and cold potable water for every twelve occupants.

(I) (Important) Noise levels will not exceed seventy decibels. Noise levels will be measured and documented using a sound level meter set to the A-scale (decibels).

(J) (Important) Natural light will be provided in housing units, dorms, cells and/or day spaces.

(K) (Important) Juvenile inmates will be separated by sight and sound from adult inmates.



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(L) (Important) If inmate access to clothing, bed, bedding, toilet, lavatory or shower is suspended, there will be a daily review for re-instatement by the jail administrator or designee.