ADMISSION

POLICY.

It is the policy of the Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office – Adult Jail (AJ) to refuse to accept for intake those arrestees who are in need of immediate medical care.

PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is to define those arrested persons the AJ will not accept for booking and to outline the procedures for admission denial.

OREGON JAIL STANDARDS:

- B-107 Arrestees Requiring Immediate Medical Attention
- G-101 Providing Adequate Health Care

REFERENCES:

- ORS 169.076 Standards for local correctional facilities
- ORS 169.105 Unconscious Person Not To Be Admitted to Custody In Facility
- DCAJ Policy CD-5-1, Intake and Booking
- DCAJ Policy CD-5-2, Intake Screening

SECTION A: GENERAL GUIDELINES

A-1. The following persons will not be accepted for intake into the AJ until they have been examined by a medical doctor and have been given medical clearance, with or without a Direct Medical Order:

a. Persons who are unconscious, or who appear to have possible head injuries
b. Persons who are suffering convulsions or seizures
c. Persons who have serious lacerations, puncture wounds, human or animal bites, or significant external bleeding
d. Persons who have obvious swelling, deformities, fractures, or discoloration indicating possible internal injuries or fractures
e. Persons who have signs of head, neck, spine or other severe injury or trauma
f. Persons who have signs of internal bleeding
g. Persons complaining of severe abdominal pain
h. Persons who appear to be severely confused or disoriented
i. A person whose blood alcohol content (BAC) exceeds .30%, or who is exhibiting symptoms of delirium tremens, or who is exhibiting symptoms of “severe alcohol withdrawal.”
j. Pregnant women in labor
k. Pregnant women with symptoms of vaginal bleeding, severe headaches associated with blurred vision or cramping
l. Persons having severe difficulty breathing
m. Persons having chest pains
n. Persons experiencing severe pain
o. Persons who attempt or speak of attempting suicide
p. Persons with severe burns
q. Persons placed on a Peace Officer Hold
r. Persons with any other medical problem which appears to require immediate medical care and/or is life threatening
s. Person with a serious injury or illness and in need of urgent medical care
t. Persons that have swallowed or ingested a large quantity of drugs or medication

A-2. Before, and during, intake medical screening questions, or other booking procedures, a Health Trained Deputy shall observe the detainee for unusual conditions or obvious indications of injury, then question the detainee and/or the arresting Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) about their condition. The intake deputy will contact AJ medical staff to evaluate the detainee. If, based upon these observations and/or the detainee’s statements, the deputy or medical staff determines that non-acceptance is warranted by the above guidelines or other reasons, the inmate shall be refused admission. The arresting LEO shall then take the detainee to the emergency room.

A-3. A detainee who is returned to the AJ after an emergency room evaluation shall not be admitted for lodging unless a written medical clearance is obtained from a physician, with or without Direct Medical Orders. Such medical clearance and/or Direct Medical Orders shall be written on the emergency room form generally given to outpatients upon discharge, or upon such appropriate form as the Facility may adopt.

A-4. The Health Trained Deputy will submit an incident report to the shift supervisor documenting all information relating to the refusal to accept custody. (Refer to DCAJ Policy CD-5-1 Intake and Booking and CD-5-2 Intake Screening for additional screening processes.) A copy of the incident report, along with any medical clearance form, will be placed in the Medical box in the Booking Room.

FORMS USED:

- Jail Incident Report Form (JMS)