

Inmate Video Visitation Rules

All Video Visitations are monitored and subject to recording for the safety, security, and in the best interest of the Hancock County Justice Center.

Visitors are **not permitted** to use any additional cameras, and/or video devices, telecommunications, or recording devices in an attempt to record or duplicate a video visit either on-site at the Hancock County Justice Center or off-site before, during, or after a video visitation. Violators may be subject to termination of their Video Visitation privileges.

For those visitors using the Justice Center on-site lobby Video Visitation option, it is recommended that you arrive to prepare for your visit fifteen minutes before the start of the visit. **Should you arrive late the visitation appointment time will be held but it WILL NOT be extended past the scheduled visitation appointment time.**

Only those who have been approved by the Hancock County Justice Center to visit by Video Visitation shall be permitted to visit.

Video Visitation may be denied to disorderly persons.

Visitors who are believed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to complete a video visit.

Visitors must be properly attired to visit.

- **Male visitors** are required to wear undergarments under their clothing, shirts, pants, and shorts at all times during the visit. Shorts may be no shorter than mid-thigh and may not be provocative exposing upper thighs, genitalia, buttocks, or extremely tight. Shirts may not expose the breast or midriff.
- **Female visitors** are required to wear undergarments under their clothing. Wearing of see-through or transparent, low cut and/or revealing clothing, halter or tube tops shall not be permitted. Tank top blouses or dresses with thin spaghetti straps and blouses with cutouts shall not be permitted. Shorts may be no shorter than mid-thigh and may not be provocative exposing upper thighs, genitalia, buttocks, or extremely tight. Dresses and skirts with slits higher than two inches above the knee shall not be permitted. All buttons shall be kept buttoned at all times. Wrap-around skirts shall not be permitted. Provocative clothing that exposes the breasts, midriff are extremely tight, off the shoulders or any style which exposes any part of the breast shall not be permitted.

Visitor's attire deemed inappropriate by the Hancock County Justice Center staff shall be denied a video visit.

Loud talking, excessive emotionalism, or any other type of disruptive behavior shall not be permitted. Visitors shall not deliberately incite or engage in an argumentative conversation with an inmate or any other person during Video Visitation.

The presence of nudity or sexual conduct during Video Visitation shall not be permitted. Actions of this type shall result in loss of Video Visitation privileges.

All inmates and visitors are to follow the instructions of Hancock County Justice Center staff. Failure to do so may result in a loss of Video Visitation privileges.

If any court of record imposes a no-contact order or temporary restraining order between the inmate and a potential visitor, no Video Visitation will occur.

The Hancock County Justice Center reserves the right to terminate or deny a Video Visitation at any time.

Inmates shall not be restricted in regards to who they visit unless the Jail Administrator or designee determines that a visitor should be excluded. Video Visitation can be denied through justified restrictions if:

- The visitor represents a clear and present danger to the security, safety, and best interest of the Hancock County Justice Center.
- The visitor uses an additional camera, telecommunications, or recording device during the visit.
- The visitor has a recent history of disruptive behavior at the Hancock County Justice Center.
- There is reasonable cause to believe the visitor is under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- The visitor is not dressed properly as per the established dress code for male and female visitors.
- The inmate refuses the visit.
- Visiting restrictions have been placed on the inmate for reasons involving discipline or security of the facility.
- It is determined that there are other substantial reasons to justify such limitations to promote the safe and secure operation of the facility.
- If restrictions are in order, such reasons shall be documented by the Jail Administrator or designee.
- If there is a temporary suspension of Video Visitation it shall be restored as reasonably possible.
- It is determined that a permanent denial is reasonable, necessary and approved by the Jail Administrator or designee following a recommendation from the Operations Lieutenant. A letter shall be sent to the visitor concerning the permanent visitation restriction.
- Any court of record imposes a no-contact order or temporary restraining order that is currently in effect between an inmate and a potential visitor, no video visitation shall occur.
- If the Jail Administrator or designee determines that there are significant reasons related to safety, security and it is in the best interest of the Hancock County Justice Center to necessitate denial or rescheduling of Video Visitation such denial shall be documented.