



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 physician or nurse practitioner and have been given written medical clearance for lodging (with or without direct medical orders):
- 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 are seriously mentally ill and gravely disabled (demonstrating a lack of judgment or understanding to the point that their health and safety are significantly endangered and lack the capacity to understand this). When practical, the arrestee should be evaluated by an AJ nurse, Behavioral Health Specialist or a member of the Mobile Crisis Assessment Team (MCAT) prior to refusal.
 - 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.** During the entire booking process, intake medical screening, or other booking procedures, a Health Trained Deputy shall observe the detainee for unusual conditions or obvious indications of injury. The deputy should then ask the detainee and/or the arresting Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) additional questions the about their condition. The deputy will contact AJ medical staff to evaluate the detainee. If, based upon these observations and/or the detainee’s statements, the deputy or nurse 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 department.
- A-3.** A detainee who returns 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 order shall be written on an emergency department form generally given to outpatients upon discharge, or upon such appropriate form as the AJ may adopt.
- A-4.** The Health Trained Deputy will submit an incident report to the shift supervisor documenting all information relating to the refusal. (Refer to *DCAJ Policy [CD-5-1 Intake and Booking](#) and [CD-5-2 Intake Screening](#)*.) A copy of the incident report, along with any medical clearance form, will be forwarded to the Medical Unit.

FORMS USED:

- Jail Incident Report Form (JMS)