



Youth Custodial Rule 501

Visits

Legislation referred to: [Inspector of Custodial Services Act 2003](#)
[Young Offenders Act 1994](#)
[Young Offender Regulations 1995](#)

1. Introduction

Social visits support the role and responsibility that parents, caregivers or significant others have in the detainee's development and enable the family to participate in the process of the detainee's reintegration back into the community. Official visitors undertake specific duties and safeguard the care, wellbeing and rights of detainees.

2. Scope

This Youth Custodial Rule applies to all Youth Custodial Services (YCS) staff, volunteers and contractors and should be read in conjunction with all relevant Youth Custodial Rules, Standing Orders and Departmental policies and procedures.

3. Categories of visitors

Categories of visitors are as follows:

- official visitors (including but not exclusive):
 - Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services (OICS)
 - Independent Detention Centre Visitors (IDCV)
 - members of Western Australia Police (WAPOL)
 - Aboriginal Visitors Scheme (AVS)
 - State Ombudsman
 - visiting justices and magistrates
 - legal practitioners
 - Departmental staff
 - officers from other government agencies
 - volunteer and sporting groups and chaplaincy
- social visitors.

4. Right of certain person(s) to enter detention centres

4.1 Subject to s169 [Young Offenders Act 1994](#), a person who is:

- an independent detention centre visitor
- a judge or magistrate of the Children's Court
- a member of the Children's Court authorised by a judge or magistrate of the Children's Court

may, upon providing satisfactory proof of the person's identity to the Superintendent, enter and examine a detention centre at any time.

4.2 Section 29 of the [Inspector of Custodial Services Act 2003](#) states that the Inspector, or any person authorised by the Inspector, at any time and with any assistants and equipment that the Inspector or authorised person thinks are necessary, may have free and unfettered access to any part of a detention centre.

5. Principles

5.1 It is a requirement for any person entering a YCS facility to provide identification, as determined by the Superintendent or their delegate.

5.2 The Superintendent shall determine the frequency of social visit times as per the Standing Orders.

5.3 When participating in contact visits, visitors and detainees shall maintain acceptable standards of behaviour as per the Visits Code of Conduct. Failure to comply may result in termination of the visit.

5.4 The Superintendent or their delegate shall cause a record of detainee visitors to be kept and maintained.

5.5 In certain circumstances, the Superintendent or their delegate may refuse a visitor permission to enter a YCS facility.

5.6 Subject to the availability of video-conferencing facilities, detainees with parents, caregivers, partners or significant others in the community or in prison shall be able to request video visits.

5.7 A person shall not visit a detainee in hospital without the prior permission of the Superintendent or their delegate.

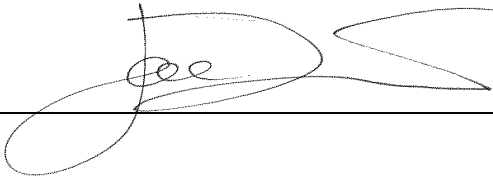
5.8 The Superintendent or their delegate may consider a request from a detainee to undertake or to receive a visit in person from a family member or friend, sentenced or remanded in a prison.

Approval


Rule made pursuant to Section 181 (1) of the *Young Offenders Act 1994* and *Young Offenders Regulations 1995*, by the Commissioner being the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Corrective Services with the approval of the Minister for Corrective Services.

On the 13th day of March 2014

Minister



Commissioner



On the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner Youth Justice Services and the Director Youth Custodial Services.



Deputy Commissioner
Youth Justice Services



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Youth Custodial Services

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