**Clergy Visit at the DuPage County Jail**

**Jail** is a county or municipal detention facility that primarily houses people who have been charged but not yet convicted of a crime (known as the “pretrial” population), and those sentenced to a short term of incarceration, usually under a year.

**FACTS**

* A person is innocent until proven guilty.
* Pleading “not guilty” means claiming innocence AND/OR the desire to proceed with the justice process. Claiming innocence when guilty is not necessarily dishonest, but choosing to go through the justice process.

**DUPAGE COUNTY JAIL**

**Name of Jail:** DuPage County Jail, IL

**Address:** 501 N. County Farm Rd, Wheaton, IL 60187

**Website:** <http://www.dupagesheriff.org/Corrections-Jail/164/>

**Visiting Phone number:** 630-407-2283

**Booking & Bond Info:** 630-407-2255

**Inmate Search:**

Check to see if the individual is being held at the jail, prior to your visit. <http://inmatesearch.dupagesheriff.org/SIRIS_home.asp>

**CLERGY VISITATION GUIDELINES/PROCESS**

Members of the Clergy shall be identified as such and approved by the Director of J.U.S.T. of DuPage at 630-407-2201**, before their visit is allowed (it is best to be approved prior to the need)**. Proper identification (State ID, State driver’s license, US military ID, or US passport) is required, just like a visitor. Once approved, their name and other information is kept on file until the inmate is no longer incarcerated at the DuPage County Jail. All Clergy visits are non-contact.

*If the jail does not have clergy visit information on the website, call the correctional facility and ask for the process prior to your need for visiting someone.*

**Visitation Days/Hours for approved Clergy visits are as follows:**

7:30 AM - 11:00 AM (EVERY DAY)

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (EVERY DAY)

*You may want to call ahead to set up your visit with the appropriate authority. Do NOT just "drop in;" you may be turned back.*

**Photo I.D. Required For Visitation**

All visitors, ages 17 years and above, are required to present a photo identification in order to visit an inmate. All persons 16 years old and under have to be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older.) Only the following forms of photo identification shall be accepted:

* State Identification
* State Driver's License
* United States Military Identification
* Passport or United States Passport ID Card

The DuPage County Jail is NOT RESPONSIBLE for any item or items left unattended, lost, or mislaid. Jail staff may not hold, secure, or watch any personal items. Leave items in your vehicle!

**Visitation Procedures**

All persons may visit any inmate incarcerated at the DuPage County Jail. No approved visiting list is required, however, an inmate may choose to refuse to see a visitor.

A visit may be denied if the visit may jeopardize the safety and security of the facility or the visitors.

During an emergency or disturbance, we may ask that all visitors leave the facility immediately.

Inmates are allowed no more than 4 visitors, including children, at any given time period in the visiting area. Rotating of visitors or splitting their time is not permitted.

All visitors should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the visit to register. Please leave all belongings other than ID in your vehicle.

All visitors shall be required to register on the "Visitor's Registration Form" providing their full name, address, and their relationship to the inmate.

All visitors must walk through a metal detector. No matter what the provocation, visitors may not be manually searched unless they volunteer. If there is a reasonable belief that the visitor possesses contraband and does not volunteer to be searched, the visit shall be denied.

Inmates and visitors must conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner at all times. Profanity, loud or boisterous talking is not permitted at any time.

**Visitation Rules of Conduct**

All visitors must be properly dressed before they will be allowed to visit. Clothing with offensive slogans or artwork is not allowed. Bathing suits, halter-tops, and flimsy or see-through clothing are not allowed. All visitors must wear footwear and clothing.

Visits will be terminated and/or visiting privileges will be suspended under (but not limited to) the following circumstances:

* Visitor appears to be under the influence of an intoxicating beverage or drug.
* Loud, rude, or obnoxious behavior.
* Failure to maintain control of children. Children may not be permitted to play or wander around the visitation area or to disturb other visitors.
* Wearing or displaying any items which may indicate gang affiliation.
* Making any gestures which may indicate gang affiliation.
* Refusal to obey lawful orders.
* Refusal to obey visiting rules from the visitation staff.
* Refusal or inability to produce proper identification.
* Insufficient space
* Smoking
* Introducing or attempting to introduce contraband into the jail. This offense will result in the visitor being banned from visiting anyone in the jail.
* Violation of a Court Order (no contact provision).

Any visitors with the following items will be denied visitation:

* Purses, backpacks, or diaper bags.
* Food items or liquids.
* Books, magazines, or newspapers.
* Packages or bags.
* Smoking materials.
* Cellular phones, cameras, MP3 players, pagers, or any electronic device of any kind.
* Pocket knives, guns, or chemical sprays.
* Drugs or drug paraphernalia.

**DO’S AND DON’TS AT A VISIT**

* DO obey all rules.
* DO be respectful of corrections staff at all times.
* DO remember that you represent Christ in a much more visible way than other visitors.
* **DO advise the inmate NOT to talk with law enforcement until they have an attorney.** This is their Miranda rights. “You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be held against you in a court of law. You have a right to an attorney. If you cannot afford and attorney, one will be provided for you.”
* DO listen. Ask how they are doing and provide empathetic listening.
* DO offer hope and the love of Christ.
* DO ask about how they are doing spiritually.
* DO ask how you can pray for them and with them.
* DO report to corrections staff if you are concerned that he/she is suicidal.
* DON’T bring ***anything*** in and don’t take anything out.
* DON’T ask about the case. If they bring it up, remind them that what is said may be heard by others and could harm their case. Encourage them to talk with their attorney.
* DON’T condemn the person or add to their shame.

**Recommended Resource:**

*Arrested* by Lennie Spitale Available <http://www.cmcainternational.org/>