

Childcare Services

The courthouse is not an appropriate place for small children. Ordinarily, they will not be allowed in the courtroom. Parents should make every effort to arrange for childcare and not bring them to court.

Otherwise, children who are too young to remain quiet or behave properly in court must be checked into the Children's Waiting Room on the first floor of the courthouse.

Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the described proper attire and conduct must be observed by all Minors, parents and family members or you will not be allowed into the courtroom.



Superior Court of California County of Sacramento



Juvenile Delinquency Court Rules for Dress and Conduct

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Juvenile Courthouse
9605 Kiefer Boulevard

Dress and Conduct

In order to assure dignified and serious courtroom proceedings, Minors, parents and family members attending delinquency hearings in the Juvenile Courthouse must follow this dress and conduct code, or they will not be permitted in the courtroom. They will be ordered to leave the courthouse and return on the date and time specified by the Court.

A. Dress Code

Proper appearance for court displays respect for the Court and shows the Court that you take the case seriously.

1. Shirts must be tucked in. Collared shirts are preferred.
2. Tank tops, strapless tops, tops that expose the midriff and tops that are low-cut shall not be worn.
3. Shorts and mini-skirts are not allowed.
4. Baseball hats, stocking caps and knit caps must not be worn in the courtroom.
5. Pants must not sag below the waist to expose underwear.
6. Shoes must be worn. Flip-flops are not allowed.
7. Shirts, blouses and jackets must not

contain inappropriate writing or pictures, including references to violence, alcohol, drugs, or sexual matter.

8. For safety reasons, clothing with predominant colors that could be interpreted by others as symbolizing gang association shall not be worn. Other items, tattoos and symbols that are associated with gang activity must not be visible.

B. Conduct Code

All persons entering the Juvenile Courthouse shall follow the procedures described below:

1. Minors as to whom a delinquency petition has been filed must be accompanied by, and appear in court with, a parent/legal guardian.
2. No metal items shall be brought into the courthouse. Security officers will confiscate such items or request that they be removed or discarded prior to entering the building.
3. You must check in with Reception on the first floor of the courthouse at the time designated on the notice to appear. You may be provided a pager in which case you shall:
 - a. Sit in the designated area labeled for the courtroom in which your hearing will be

held;

- b. Respond to the pager summons by going to the courtroom door to meet attorneys, Probation Officers and/or court staff who require your presence in the interview rooms or the courtroom; and
 - c. Keep Reception informed anytime the person possessing the pager exits and re-enters the building.
4. Food and drink, other than bottled water, are not permitted inside the public areas of the building. Food and drink must be consumed outside the building.
 5. Chewing gum is not permitted while in the courtroom.
 6. Minors shall not possess or smoke tobacco products. (Such conduct is unlawful and violators are subject to arrest by law enforcement officers on duty at the courthouse.) Smoking by adults is permitted outside the courthouse in designated areas.
 7. Cellular phones, pagers and alarms must be turned off, or be in a vibrate mode. If they make an audible noise in the courtroom, they will be confiscated by the bailiff.