



# Youth Bill of Rights

It is the policy of the state of Nevada that when you are housed in a facility of the Division of Juvenile Justice you have the following rights:

**You have the right to live in a safe, healthy, and clean environment, where you are:**

- Treated with dignity and respect
- Free from physical, sexual, emotional, or other abuse, or corporal punishment
- Given fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment and benefits
- Not discriminated against or harassed because of your actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status

**You also have the right to the following services:**

- Healthy food and clean water
- An age-appropriate education program that meets state law requirements
- Age-appropriate regular physical exercise and recreation, including time spent outdoors
- Clean clothing that fits and is appropriate for the weather, and sufficient personal hygiene items
- Religious services and activities of your choice
- Adequate and appropriate medical, dental, vision, and mental health services
- You may refuse to take psychotropic and other medications (unless the law says otherwise or it is immediately necessary to prevent serious bodily harm or death)

**You have the right to not be disciplined or punished by**

- Having food, sleep, exercise, education, or pillows and blankets taken from you
- Being prevented from having contact with your parents, guardians, or attorneys, or from sending and receiving mail
- Being restricted from a daily shower, drinking water, a toilet, or reading material
- Being restricted from religious services or medical services
- Being searched for the purpose of harassment or humiliation, or as a form of discipline or punishment

**You have the right to have regular contact with:**

- Parents, guardians, and attorneys through visits, phone calls, and mail.
- Siblings, friends, and other individuals through mail.
- Other adults in a mentoring role, once approved by the administration, through visits, phone calls, and mail
- You have the right to make and receive confidential telephone calls, send and receive confidential mail, and have confidential visits with attorneys, legal organizations, advocates, and public officials without a limit on how long they can last.

**You have other rights as follows:**

- To attend all of your court hearing either telephonically or in person as the situation dictates
- One call free ten minute when you are booked to either your parent or guardian
- To receive a comprehensive orientation at the facility where you are placed, including a copy of your rights
- To contact your attorney, advocate, and representatives of state or local agencies regarding the conditions of your confinement or violations of rights, and to be free from retaliation from making these contacts or complaints
- To have your complaint responded to in a prompt and reasonable time from when you submit your complaint

*Staff is permitted to impose reasonable restrictions on time, place, and manner that you may exercise these rights. This will occur when such restrictions are necessary to preserve order, security or safety of the public, the staff, or others at the Elko JDC.*

**If your rights have been violated, you may ask for a grievance/complaint form which may be submitted to staff, the grievance box, or the Detention Director. You may also report it verbally to a staff member, a probation/parole officer, a child welfare agency or an employee thereof, the juvenile court, your parent or guardian, your attorney, or any other appropriate procedure set forth by the Division of Child and Family Services. Ask a trusted staff member if you need further explanation.**