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Minor Searches, Seizures and Arrests

8-307 Minors in Need of Medical Attention

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A. Minors in need of medical attention

Any minor needing medical attention or evaluation shall be transported directly to the nearest medical facility. This policy includes those who:

1. Have ingested or are suspected of ingesting drugs or other dangerous substances.
2. Are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
3. Have observable physical injuries that may require medical attention; are requesting medical treatment; or if members have reason to believe that medical attention is needed.
4. Display signs of a mental health crisis and/or are considered to be a danger to themselves or others, see P&P 7-803 Crisis Intervention.
5. A minor taken to the hospital for only medical care and no other offense can be released to a parent or guardian by the hospital.

B. Minors in need of medical attention who do not meet booking criteria

1. Minors who are in need of medical care but will not be booked (refer to section 8-304 Minor Booking Procedures) may be released to a parent or guardian after medical treatment.
2. Members shall complete a Police Report indicating that the minor was brought to a medical facility for medical evaluation and that authorization was given to the medical facility to release the minor to a parent or guardian after completion of treatment. Members are not required to stay with the minor until a parent or guardian arrives.
3. If the minor is transported to YCC following medical evaluation or treatment, appropriate medical release forms (provided by the hospital) must accompany the minor when custody is transferred to YCC.
4. Should members become aware of underlying circumstances which necessitate placing the minor on a 72-Hour Health and Welfare Hold, members shall place the hold in accordance with P&P 8-204 Health and Welfare Holds – Minors.

C. Minors in need of medical attention who will be booked

If an arrested or detained and the minor is in need of immediate medical attention, members shall follow 7-350 Emergency Medical Response.

After the minor has received medical treatment, members shall bring appropriate medical release form with the minor to JDC. Members shall upload a copy of the form to Evidence.com.

D. Impaired Minors

If the arresting member encounters a minor that meets booking criteria that is intoxicated or suspected to be intoxicated by alcohol, drugs or inhalants, they shall transport them to the nearest medical facility prior to transporting to JDC. JDC will not accept minors that are intoxicated.

If a minor is admitted to the hospital for an extended period of time, the precinct of the arresting members shall be responsible for providing a guard until the minor can be taken to JDC, or until otherwise properly relieved.

After the minor has been charged, they are then under the authority of the county at which time JDC or the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office will take over guard duty.