

RCW 70.395.060 Requirements. (1) This section does not apply to private detention facilities operating pursuant to a valid contract that was in effect prior to January 1, 2023, for the duration of that contract, not to include any extensions or modifications made to, or authorized by, that contract.

(2) A private detention facility operating pursuant to a contract or agreement with a federal, state, or local government shall comply with the following:

(a) A detained person, upon admission to a private detention facility, must be issued new clothing and new footwear for both indoor and outdoor use and for protection against cold and heat. Clothing issued must be regularly laundered and replaced at no cost once no longer hygienic or serviceable;

(b) Any food items in the commissary must be available at reasonable prices taking into account the income and financial circumstances of detained persons;

(c) Telecommunications services must be provided free of charge to detained persons and any communication, whether initiated or received through such a service, must be free of charge to the detained person initiating or receiving the communication. Each detained person must be eligible to use these telecommunications services for at least 60 minutes on each day of the person's detention. Private detention facilities must not use the provision of telecommunications services or any other communication service to supplant in-person contact visits any detained person may be eligible to receive;

(d) In-person visitation must be available daily. Visitation rooms must allow for the presence of children and personal contact between visiting persons and detained persons may not be restricted. A detained person may receive reading and writing materials during visitation;

(e) Solitary confinement is prohibited;

(f) Televisions must be available and accessible to a detained person at no cost. The private detention facility shall make every effort to make television programming available in the language of the detained person;

(g) Handheld radios must be provided to a detained person at no cost;

(h) A detained person may invite persons to the private detention facility to provide legal education, know your rights presentations, and other similar programming;

(i) Computer and internet access must be available and accessible to a detained person at no cost;

(j) A law library must be available and accessible;

(k) Communication from the private detention facility to a detained person, either in writing or verbally, must be delivered in the primary language of the detained person;

(l) Sexual violence and harassment grievances must be responded to immediately by culturally competent professionals on-site and reported to local law enforcement in the county where the private detention facility is located;

(m) Mental health evaluations should occur at intake and periodically, at least once a week. Culturally competent mental health therapy must be available and free;

(n) Requested medical care and attention must be provided without delay, including the provision of requested medical accommodations;

(o) Rooms used by a detained person for sleeping must have access to windows, natural light, and natural air circulation. Subject to safety limitations, sleeping rooms must include adjustable curtains, shades, blinds, or the equivalent installed at the windows for visual privacy and that are shatterproof, screened, or of the security type as determined by the private detention facility needs; and

(p) A private detention facility must be equipped to respond to natural and human-made emergencies, including earthquakes, lahar threats, tsunami, and industrial accidents. A private detention facility must be earthquake resistant. A private detention facility shall develop emergency operation and continuity of operations plans and provide those plans to the local emergency management department. A private detention facility must stock all necessary personal protective equipment in case of disease outbreaks consistent with large numbers of people detained in close contact to one another.

(3) The office of the attorney general may enforce violations of this section on its own initiative or in response to complaints or violations. [2023 c 419 s 4.]

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