CUSTODY & PLACEMENT OF JUVENILES IN MASSACHUSETTS

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	PROTECTIVE C	Custody (PC)	CRIMINAL DELINQUENCY				
Age	6 to	17	12 or 13	14, 15, 16 or 17			
Reason	CRA Runaway CRA Warrant 119, § 39H	Alcohol 111B, § 8 Drugs 111E, § 9A Drug Presence 94C, § 36 Mental Health 123, § 12	Arrest for Any Crime	Arrest for Any Crime Exception: If accused of murder, treated like adult throughout process			
Field Procedures	 Always search body Inventory containers No handcuffs No police wagon No transport with adults 	 Always search body Inventory containers Handcuffs permitted No wagon No adults 	 Always search body Search containers if PC evidence related to arrest Handcuffs permitted No wagon No adults 	 Always search body Search containers if PC evidence related to arrest Handcuffs permitted No wagon No adults 			
Placement	 CRA Runaway Transport to or reunite with legal custodian (LC) Call 211 & place with shelter Transport to juvenile court CRA Warrant Only transport to juvenile court with arrival no later than 4:30 p.m. Otherwise, direct juvenile & legal custodian to go to juvenile court on next business day 	 Alcohol incapacitation 111B Police discretion: Hospital, home, police station Notify LC ASAP Release to LC on demand Drug incapacitation 111E Hospital ED only Notify LC ASAP Release by hospital Present with Class A, B or C 94C Police station only Notify LC ASAP Release to LC on demand Maximum 4 hour hold at station Danger to self or others 123 Hospital ED only Notify LC ASAP Release or commitment by hospital after clinical exam 	If court in session: Book & transport to court for arraignment If court not in session: Do not notify probation Must release to LC LC signs release form **If LC refuse to pick up child, counsel &, if necessary, file 51A	If court in session: Book & transport to court for arraignment If court not in session: Do not notify probation 1st option: Release to LC **LC signs release form **If LC refuse to pick up child, counsel &, if necessary, 51A 2nd option: Hold juvenile if: + Arresting officer request in writing, or + Warrant directs it + Always notify bail commissioner who makes final decision + LC may bail and sign release form, or + Juvenile held at Overnight Arrest Program (OAP). Police transport to OAP & to court			

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Station	No Booking	Booking	Booking	Booking
Detention Issues		 Statutes allow "notation of custody" similar to booking 	Inventory	Inventory
1300.00	 No photo/prints unless necessary to ID 	Photo/prints not prohibited	Photo & prints	Photo & prints
	No CJIS entry	No CJIS	CJIS entry	CJIS entry
	For runaway: May bring to station before LC pickup or 211 placement	Non-secure custody if lawfully brought to police station	Non-secure custody	Secure custody
	 No handcuffs in station Never attach to cuffing rail Never place in juvenile cell Hold in unlocked room 	 Handcuffs permitted No cuffing rail No placement in cell Unlocked room 	 Handcuffs permitted No cuffing rail No placement in cell Unlocked room **EOPSS policy: If non-compliant, may place in secure room. Document reason if take this step 	 Handcuffs permitted Yes, use cuffing rail Yes, place in juvenile cell **Important: Maximum of 6 hours for cuffing rail and DYS-approved juvenile cell
	Sight and sound separate from adult prisoners	Sight and sound separate	Sight and sound separate	Sight and sound separate
	 Continuous visual supervision **Must be by a person – e.g., dispatcher, secretary, cadet, officer 	Continuous visual supervision	Continuous visual supervision	 Not continuous. Check juvenile every 30 minutes **Document reason for any delayed check
	 Incident report **Set forth underlying facts and final placement 	Incident report	Incident report	Incident report

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