

**MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
CUSTODY DIVISION POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

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SOBERING TIME

POLICY

All persons booked into the Marin County Jail who are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs will stay in custody a minimum of four hours.

DEFINITIONS

TIME OF ARRIVAL - Time the arresting officer arrives at the Marin County Jail. Time is to be entered by the arresting officer onto the pre-booking form.

PROCEDURE

The Bkg. SSA will review the pre-booking form for the time of arrival. Four hours will be added to the arrival time as a tentative release time. If, after four hours an arrestee has not regained sobriety and would be unable to care for his/herself or others, a release will not be granted.

Bail may be accepted during the four-hour minimum stay. It will be held until the arrestee has completed detoxification. The person posting bail is notified of the tentative release time. At the completion of detoxification the arrestee is released according to standard release procedures.

Arrestees who are to be housed in a cell will not be classified until they have completed a minimum four hours of sobering. The nurse will be notified when the arrestee is clear for medical screening.

Jail medical staff will examine arrestees, who still appear to be under the influence after four hours. The examination will include the taking and recording of vital signs. Custody staff will ensure that medical staff is alerted at or near the four-hour mark or at any time the arrestee is unresponsive to verbal or physical stimulation, his/her skin color appears abnormal or exhibits any suspicious medical symptoms. Medical staff will determine if the inmate requires urgent medical care or needs further sobering.

RELATED STANDARDS:

Title 15, Article 5, Section 1056
MCSO Custody Policy 2-17

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By order of

JAMIE SCARDINA

BUREAU COMMANDER