

WASHOE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES
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DETENTION CRITERIA AND SCREEN

Probation Officers have the authority to determine at booking whether a juvenile is released or detained. NRS 62C.030(2) states that a juvenile can be detained in a facility for secure detention if there is probable cause to believe that:

- (a) If not detained, the child is likely to commit an offense dangerous to himself or to the community or is likely to commit damage to property;
- (b) Is likely to run away or be taken away so as to be unavailable for proceedings of the Juvenile Court or to its Officers;
- (c) Was taken into custody pursuant to a Court Order or a Warrant; or
- (d) Is a fugitive from another jurisdiction.

At the time of booking, the Detention staff member completes the Detention Screen (see RAI Revised on 03/05). This screen gives a number score to the following categories:

- (a) Most serious current offense
- (b) Legal status
- (c) Prior offenses within the last six months
- (d) Aggravating circumstances for current offense
- (e) Mitigating circumstances

In addition, the screen delineates “Special Circumstances” – these offenses are detainable regardless of the score.

SPECIAL DETENTION CIRCUMSTANCES (Detainable regardless of score):

- Warrants: Minor has an active arrest or bench warrant
- Minor is on electronic monitoring or house arrest at the time of this offense
- Hold for other jurisdiction (Other County / Other State)
- Immigration hold
- Court-ordered detention
- Domestic violence – Mandatory 12 hour hold
- Possession of firearm on school grounds
per NRS 202.265, “firearm” includes:

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- 1.) Any device used to mark the clothing of a person with paint or any other substance
- 2.) Any device from which a metallic projectile, including any ball bearing or pellet, may be expelled by means of spring, gas, air or other force

The scoring for Detention decision at booking is:

9 or above – detained
8 or under – released

Probation Officers can and should ask questions to clarify information in order to make the best detention / release decision. Probation Officers can decide to detain or release even if the scores reflect otherwise (these are called overrides).

Probation Officer overrides to the release or detain decision must be described in detail. In addition, a Program Manager or above must approve the override. Detention will call a Program Manager or Division Director to obtain the override.

The Probation Officer's guide for release recommendation at a Detention Hearing is:

15 or more = secure detention
12 – 14 = Electronic Monitoring
9 – 11 = House Arrest
8 or less = release