

LYON COUNTY PRISON VISIT F.A.Q.

When can I visit?

Jail visitation is determined by what housing unit the inmate is assigned to. The inmate can contact their family/friends and tell them what days and time visitation falls on.

Who can visit the inmates?

Anybody can visit the inmate as long as they meet the following criteria:

They have not been incarcerated in the Lyon County Jail during the last 90 days.

They are on the inmate's visitors list.

If they are a minor they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

They must be able to present a VALID ID.

What can I bring them?

No items may be brought into the Lyon County Jail by the public. Inmates do have the ability to purchase necessary items through the commissary. Books may be brought in, but they will then be donated to the jail library.

I have to serve time, how do I make arrangements?

Call the Lyon County Jail at (712) 472-8356 to make the required arrangements.

I need to get fingerprinted for a job or background check, when can I have that done?

Call the Lyon County Jail at (712) 472-8356 to make the necessary arrangements. There is a fee to be which can be paid directly to the jail once the fingerprinting is complete.

\$10.00 if you have your own fingerprint print card

\$15.00 if we supply the fingerprint card.

How do I contact an inmate?

You may either visit the inmate during the appropriate visitation hours or the inmate may contact you via phone using a calling card purchased through commissary.

How do I get money to an inmate?

Money may be sent to the inmate via US mail in either a check (payable to the inmate) or money order. The Lyon County Jail will cash said money and deposit it into the inmates commissary account.

My car was towed, how do I get it out of impound?

Once the car is released per arresting officer's direction, the owner, driver, or owner's representative may pay the tow bill and pick up the car.

(The Sheriff's Department does not accept checks or credit cards)

How do I leave an inmate a phone message?

In case of emergency contact the jail and they will deliver a message.

What is an inmate's Bond?

Bond is the amount of money needed to post in order for an inmate to be released. The bond amount is set by either the Iowa State statute or by a magistrate. Once bond is set, the inmate

may be released upon the Lyon County Jail receiving the proper bond amount. The money may come from the inmate, family/friend, or a bail bondsman. Cash only unless it is through a bondsman

When can an inmate be released?

The magistrate must see the inmate within 24 hours. In case of a domestic arrest, the inmate is required to see the magistrate before being released. Any person charges with an alcohol related offense, must serve a minimum 8 hours

How can I apply for Work Release?

To be eligible for work release the inmate must be serving more than a 14 day consecutive sentence and must have prior approval from the court.