



## **Information on Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**

### **Use of Local Jail Facilities in Minnesota**

The Immigration and Custom Enforcement Department of the federal government (ICE) contracts with certain local jail facilities in Minnesota for the detention of individuals who are under the control of ICE. Some hold detainees for the entire course of their detention and others for shorter periods of time. The information in this document is to assist you with questions you may have regarding ICE detainees held in Minnesota jails.

**1. How do I find out if someone is detained under ICE control and where they are held?**

The online locator website [Online Detainee Locator System \(ice.gov\)](https://ice.dhs.gov/locator) provides an option to search for individuals currently detained under ICE control and lists the facility where they are detained. Individuals in transit to other locations or moved to a hospital or other community facility may not appear in the locator. If an individual does not appear in the online locator, you can contact the ICE Enforcement and Removal Office (ERO) in Minnesota at 612-843-8600 for more information. If you have the [“Alien Registration Number” \(A-Number\)](#) you can call the EOIR Hotline for court dates or case decision information at 800-898-7180.

**2. How do I get information for a facility that is housing an ICE detainee?**

Facilities that house ICE detainees under a contract are located here: [Detention Facilities | ICE](#). Information about the facility including location, visiting information, mailing address and how to contact the facility is included in the links provided. *Please note that this website is not always up to date.* You may also do a search on a county's web site at: [https://www.mncounties.org/aboutmnc/counties/county\\_websites.php](https://www.mncounties.org/aboutmnc/counties/county_websites.php) where you can find information on how to contact the Sheriff's Department.

**3. What if there are concerns about the health or treatment of an individual being detained under ICE control at a facility that the Department of Corrections inspects and licenses?**

Community members may call the Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Detention Reporting and Information Line that is a toll-free service that provides a direct channel to communicate with ERO to answer questions and resolve concerns. You may also reach the ICE ERO Detention Reporting and Information Line by dialing 1-888-351-4024. Live trained operators are available Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Eastern Time) to respond to inquiries from those in ICE detention and from community members. Additional information on this service is available here:

[https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Document/2015/DRIL\\_helpline\\_flyer\\_community.pdf](https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Document/2015/DRIL_helpline_flyer_community.pdf).

Adult detention facilities must have a written grievance procedure with at least one level of appeal that is available to incarcerated persons (Minnesota Administrative Rules 2911.2900). Each facility must provide information to detainees on the facility grievance process available to them.

Persons with specific concerns regarding for the treatment of anyone held at a local correctional facility licensed by DOC may submit a complaint to the Inspection and Enforcement Unit using the complaint form and process listed here: <https://mn.gov/doc/about/office-inspector-general/inspection-enforcement-licensing/>.

The Office of the Ombuds for Corrections and the DOC have entered into an agreement as required by statute regarding local facility complaints so as not to duplicate services. In some cases where the DOC does not accept the complaint the Ombuds may be contacted with local facility concerns using the process outlined here: <https://mn.gov/obfc/complaints/complaints-about-jails-local-correctional-facilities/>

Links to additional resources and agencies are located on the Ombuds for Corrections web site here: <https://mn.gov/obfc/resources/>

**4. Are ICE detainees treated differently than other persons held in local jails?**

In Minnesota, local correctional facilities must comply with state standards related to safety, security, health, and welfare. These regulations apply to all persons held at the facility regardless of jurisdiction or status. Contracts between local facilities and ICE include additional requirements. However, ICE determines how or if these standards apply to local facilities.

**5. Who is responsible for regulating local facilities that house ICE detainees?**

ICE contracts with certain local jails to hold detainees. ICE contracts with a third party to conduct inspections of these facilities on an annual basis. Inspection standards and inspection reports for these facilities may be viewed here: [Facility Inspections | ICE](#)

In Minnesota, the Inspection and Enforcement Unit of the Department of Corrections (DOC) inspects and licenses all local correctional facilities under rules promulgated by the Commissioner of Corrections. These rules are contained in Minnesota Rules Chapter 2911 and may be found here: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/2911/>.

Inspection reports by the DOC for local facilities are located here: <https://mn.gov/doc/about/office-inspector-general/inspection-enforcement-licensing/adult-facilities/adult-facilities-inspection-reports/adultreports.jsp>

**6. How often is the Department of Corrections required to inspect these facilities?**

Per [Minnesota Statute 241.021 Subd. 1](#), DOC must inspect every facility once every two years.

**7. Can the Department of Corrections prevent county jails from detaining and housing individuals for ICE?**

DOC does not have the authority to decide who local law enforcement detains or who is housed in the facilities they inspect and license, except as provided in statute or rule. Decisions to enter contracts with ICE are made by county boards and local sheriffs.

**8. Can the Department of Corrections provide the average length of detention/any demographic information on ICE detainees?**

DOC does not require county jails to submit this information for any detainees in adult detention facilities, including ICE detainees. It is possible that individual county jails or ICE may collect this information, in which case, the information would be available through them.

**9. How can members of the public get information on an ICE detainee held in a local jail?**

Most jails have websites that allow for the public to search for persons currently housed at the facility. The jail will only be able to provide public information on persons held and will refer callers to ICE if they have other questions or desire other information. ICE may be contacted at: [ICE Field Offices | ICE](#). Search on Minnesota and the St. Paul Field Office for contact information and procedures.

**10. Are there any state resources being used to support facilities that house ICE detainees?**

The county jails are funded by county resources. State funding is not used to support the detention of ICE detainees in Minnesota.