

POLICY 42. INEBRIATE RECEPTION CENTER (IRC) (PER PENAL CODE (647(f)))

A. Overview

1. An adult or emancipated minor who is in a public place under the influence of alcohol and is unable to care for their own safety, as set forth in Penal Code Section 647(f), shall be taken into civil protective custody per Penal Code Section 647(g).
2. As an option the subject may be taken to the IRC for evaluation and admission if the subject is cooperative, meets the IRC admission guidelines and the deputy feels jail is not the best option.
3. The only current IRC is operated by the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with around-the-clock supervision.

B. Admission criteria

1. The IRC has admission criteria for persons found to be under the influence of alcohol within the meaning of Penal Code Section 647(f). The criteria are as follows:
 - a. Subjects acceptable for admission
 1. eighteen years or older
 2. non-violent
 3. intoxicated
 4. does not need medical care
 5. agree to stay at the facility for a minimum of four hours
 6. able to walk without assistance
 7. agree to not engage other guests in conversation while at the IRC
 8. agree to follow the admittance guideline
 9. if able to pay, the IRC may charge the subject \$35.00 for their stay
 - b. Subjects not acceptable for admission

1. needs medical attention
2. overly intoxicated
3. unable to walk on their own
4. unable to answer admission questions
5. does not agree to follow the rules

C. Procedure

1. Deputies shall search the subject and remove any weapons before taking the subject into civil protective custody.
2. The subject will remain under the apprehending deputy's jurisdiction until formally accepted by the IRC admitting official.
3. The deputy shall escort the subject into the IRC, where attending staff will determine if the subject meets their admission criteria. Any personal property belonging to the subject is to be released to the admitting official at the IRC.
4. If the subject is accepted for admission to the IRC, the apprehending deputy shall make an arrest report with an abbreviated narrative statement, i.e., "Subject was accepted for admission and released to the IRC, per 647(f) PC."
5. If it is determined that the subject does not meet the admission criteria, the apprehending deputy's arrest report shall include a complete narrative stating that the subject was not acceptable for the IRC program.
6. If a subject who has been placed in the IRC by the Sheriff's Department subsequently becomes violent or unruly, the IRC will notify the Sheriff's Department and request the deputy return to pick up the person. The deputy shall return to the IRC, take custody of the subject and transport the subject to San Diego Central Jail.
7. If the subject leaves the IRC before the four hour stay requirement, the IRC will notify the Sheriff's Department.