

- You have the right not to be questioned by police when you are at YSC. If you learn that a police officer wants to talk to you while you are here, you can ask to speak with a JSP attorney. We will help you decide whether it's a good idea to talk to the police.

What is Rule 412?

Rule 412 lists major and minor rules of YSC and what could happen if you break those rules.

Major rule violations: Escape or Attempt to Escape, Possession of a Weapon, Assault, Sexual Activity, Destruction of Property, Rioting, Use of Drugs or Alcohol, Theft.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I VIOLATE A MAJOR RULE?

If a staff member says that you broke a rule, he or she may write an incident report. If the incident report says that you broke a major rule, you will have a disciplinary hearing so that you get a chance to tell your side of the story before being punished. Just check "PDS" on your notice sheet if you want PDS to represent you.

YOU CANNOT BE PUNISHED BY ...

- Being hit or hurt in any way,
- Losing your clothing, bed/bedding, or food,
- Losing treatment or care that is necessary for your health, or
- Being required to stay in your room.
- Group punishment is also against the rules.

Call PDS:

You may call us anytime at **202.576.8368**. Please leave us a message as your call is important to us.

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CHAMPIONS OF LIBERTY



Community Defender Division

Juvenile Services Program

Youth Services Center



What is PDS?

PDS stands for the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. The staff at PDS's Juvenile Services Program protect the legal rights of youth who are committed or locked up. PDS has an office in the visitation area of the Youth Services Center (YSC).

HOW CAN PDS HELP ME?

PDS can help you get in touch with your lawyer or social worker; get you answers about your court case; help you write a letter for court; help you address concerns about your treatment at YSC; look up information about residential placements, schools, jobs, or community-based services; and represent you in disciplinary hearings.

HOW DO I REQUEST PDS?

There are three ways to request a PDS visit:

- 1 You can request to see PDS by filling out a PDS request form. You can get a request form from a YDR.
- 2 You can also request a visit by leaving us a message at 202.576.8368.
- 3 You can also ask to see us when PDS staff members visit your unit.

WILL I GET IN TROUBLE FOR TALKING TO PDS?

NO!! All conversations between your attorney, PDS attorneys and PDS law clerks are confidential. No one should ask you what you talked about and you do not have to tell anyone what you talked about.

Your Legal Rights

You have the right to:

EDUCATION

- Continue your education and earn credits that can be transferred when you return home.

HEALTH

- Appropriate medical and dental care.
- Clean and adequate clothing.
- Nutritious and sufficient food.
- A living area that is not too cold and not too hot.
- Daily showers and access to shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush and deodorant.

SOCIAL

- At least one hour of "large muscle" exercise each day.
- Two 10-minute social calls each week.
- Pre-approved visitors during two visitation periods each week (schedule depends on unit).

LEGAL

- Make phone calls to your lawyer between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- Be represented at disciplinary hearings.
- Be free from staff abuse.