

44.4 Safeguarding Children of Arrested Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

OPERATIONS

STANDARD 44.4

The agency has a written directive consistent with the Municipal Police Training Council Child Sensitive Arrest Procedures Model Policy. The directive will include but not be limited to:

- A. Chief Law Enforcement Officer responsibilities**
- B. Pre-arrest planning**
- C. Making the arrest**
 - a. Child(ren) present**
 - b. Child(ren) not present**
- D. Ensure the appropriate placement of child(ren) is made**
- E. Interacting with the child(ren) in an age-appropriate manner**
- F. Follow-up**
- G. Documentation**

Commentary:

The purpose of this standard is to ensure that children, both present and not present, are safeguarded when parent(s) and/or guardian(s) are under arrest. Appropriate placement, whether taking custody wherever required by law or ensuring that arrangements are made, is paramount to the safety and well-being of the child(ren). Best practices and reference materials can be located at the following link: [Safeguarding Children Reference Materials](#)

Compliance Verification Strategies

Assessors may seek to verify compliance with this standard by using one or more of the strategies listed below. There may be other strategies identified by the agency which could also be acceptable.

1. A copy of the written directive is available for review.
2. Review of available resources or placement options
3. Interview(s) with agency personnel to ensure understanding of available resources as well as agency cooperation.
4. Interview(s) with agency personnel to verify their knowledge of and understanding of the directive.
5. Review of agency training records related to this standard.