

GUIDELINES FOR CHILD VISITATION SUPERVISION

These guidelines provide information about supervised child visitation.

1. The child(ren) will not be left alone at any time with the person whose visit is being supervised.
2. The visitation supervisor's judgment will not be questioned in front of the child(ren). Complaints about the supervisor's decisions must be raised with the mediator, special master, or court at a later time.
3. The supervised person will not initiate any discussions with the child(ren) about the court case, about any allegations that have been made, about the other party, or about significant future plans, such as to live together or to take trips together.
4. The visitation supervisor must approve any gifts to be given to the child(ren) in advance.
5. The visitation supervisor must advise the court in writing if the supervised person violates any of the rules in these guidelines. The visitation supervisor must provide an oral or written summary of the visits if requested by the court.
6. The court encourages the visitation supervisor to report to Child Protective Services if the visitation supervisor has any knowledge, or reasonable suspicion, of any mental suffering inflicted upon the child(ren), if the child(ren)'s emotional well-being is endangered in any other way, or if there is any instance of child abuse. The report must be made by telephone as soon as possible. The 24-hour phone number to make reports to Child Protective Services in Alameda County is (510) 259-1800. If the incident or events occurred in another county, call Child Protective Services in that county. A visitation supervisor who will be providing supervision outside of Alameda County should know the telephone number of the appropriate Child Protective Services agency before the out-of-county visitation begins. Call Family Court Services at (510) 690-3500 with the report as soon as possible after calling Child Protective Services. The court encourages the visitation supervisor to submit a written report to Child Protective Services within 36 hours on a form provided for this purpose. (Copies of the form are available from Family Court Services.)