DETOXIFICATION FACILITY INFORMATION

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Should individuals be contacted and found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol and their conduct places their safety or the safety of others in jeopardy, they may be transported to a detoxification treatment facility. There are several detoxification facilities in the Denver metropolitan area that may be used to meet the needs of the patient.

During their stay, clients are routinely monitored for withdrawal complications including elevated vitals, tremors, sweats, and other complications. The withdrawal process can be as short as a few hours or as long as several days depending upon the drug used, patterns of use and withdrawal history of the client.

The primary goals of these detoxification programs are to monitor clients to insure a safe withdrawal from alcohol and drugs; in addition these programs aim to motivate clients to seek further appropriate treatment. If the client is interested in further treatment, the staff will work with them to help facilitate linkage to ongoing care.

DETOX ADMISSION CRITERIA

- The individual must be intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or in withdrawal
- The individual must be 18 years or older
- Individuals under the age of 18 will be treated at a local hospital
- The individual must not require additional medical care.

EXPECTED LENGTH OF STAY IN DETOX

Clients are discharged when no withdrawal symptoms are present and the blood alcohol level is at .000. Generally detoxification extends from 12 hours to 3 days.

EXPECTED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DETOX CARE

Costs vary by facility. By way of example, a detoxification stay with Denver CARES (Affiliated with Denver Health Medical) currently costs $325.00 a day. Clients must keep in mind that costs vary by facility. Therefore, actual costs incurred will depend on the facility that treats them and costs are subject to change.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

Participants and spectators attending this event should note the Denver Police Department will have specific officers at this event dedicated to identifying and apprehending individuals suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.