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CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY ROOMS
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General Rules

1. The Office of the Chief Judge provides children with a room staffed by full-time attendants to assure a safe, educational and nurturing environment where children can have fun, relax, learn and have snacks free of charge while parents or guardians conduct business in the court building. *The Children's Advocacy Room is not available to children of court employees.*
2. The Children's Advocacy Room is open to children between the ages of 2 years and 12 years. It is required that all children are toilet-trained; otherwise they will not be admitted. Caregivers are responsible for changing diapers and attending to accidents of their own children.
3. To provide a safe environment for all, children with fevers, head lice, ringworm, measles or other childhood diseases will not be admitted into the Children's Advocacy Room.
4. If a child must take medication, only the caregiver can administer or supervise the child's taking of such medication. The Children's Advocacy Room staff will not provide or administer medication.
5. The Children's Advocacy Room is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
6. Please allow time for the following registration requirements:
 - a. An adult caregiver must register all children. Children without a caregiver will not be admitted.
 - b. The child's caregiver must complete and sign a registration form before the child or children can be admitted.
 - c. The caregiver will be required to leave a picture identification card (e.g., driver's license, state ID, etc). This ID will be returned when the child is picked up. If such identification is not available, a digital picture of the **adult only** will be taken in the Children's Advocacy Room. The digital picture will remain with the registration form until after the child is picked up.
7. Once a child is registered and in the care of staff at the Children's Advocacy Room, the child cannot leave the room to sit in the hallway, waiting room, go to cafeteria or any other place without the caregiver signing child out.
8. It is the responsibility of caregivers to notify the Children's Advocacy Room staff at **(708) 232-4282** of any change in their location within the courthouse which is different from that indicated on the registration form.
9. Children will be released **only** to the caregiver that registered the child or the adult authorized to do so as indicated on the registration form. The authorized adult must provide a valid driver's license or state ID, even if children identify this individual as a relative or a known person.
10. Upon completion of court business, caregivers must not leave the court building while their children are still in the Children's Advocacy Room.

PLEASE NOTE: In the event of an evacuation, a Deputy Sheriff will evacuate the children out of the Markham Courthouse building via the SE employee's entrance and escort to the south parking lot in the police parking area, near the trees. Only those adults listed on the registration form will be able to claim the children.