



VAV at Houston Contract Detention Facility



Overview

U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention standards require that noncitizens in ICE facilities be allowed confidential contact with legal representatives. In an effort to facilitate improved access to legal representatives, ICE has implemented VAV in various detention facilities nationwide. VAV, which facilitates confidential attorney-client conversations through virtual technology (Cisco, WebEx, Skype), does not substitute for in-person meetings with clients, but it does provide a timely and efficient communication alternative.

Procedures for virtual legal visits at Houston CDF:

- As with in-person legal visitation:
 - The legal representative will be required to show appropriate identification, such as a bar card from any state or other available documentation demonstrating bar membership, prior to the scheduled meeting.
 - Only legal representatives, legal assistants, and interpreters will be allowed; no family or friends of the clients are permitted.
 - The legal representative may contact outside interpretation services during the call or session.
- To ensure confidentiality of communications between detained non-citizens and legal representatives, the existing visitation officer shall maintain safety and security for all detained non-citizens/residents utilizing VAV.
- For information on VAV available hours and scheduling, please see (<https://www.ice.gov/detain/detention-facilities/houston-contract-detention-facility>).

Please be advised that legal representatives and their staff are not permitted to video or audio record during any virtual or in-person visit or any call with non-citizens at the facility. Any violation of these rules may result in suspension or a permanent revocation of VAV user privileges.

Video visits at Houston CDF
can be scheduled at:



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For additional questions about this
process, please contact Houston CDF at:



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