

**JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES DENTAL PROCEDURES**

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**PURPOSE**

To ensure that sharp instruments are secured from the juvenile patient. All dental instruments are to be used in a safe, secure manner so that the juvenile patient cannot access them.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Instruments used in the dental clinic can be extremely dangerous in the hands of the detained juvenile patient. The utmost care and attention must be maintained at all times to allow for optimum security in the operatory area.
2. All dental instruments must be handled by the dental staff only.
3. Juvenile patients must never be left alone in the operatory beyond the scope of vision of dental staff.
4. Dentist or dental assistant must ascertain that all instruments are present before the juvenile patient leaves.
5. Staffs are instructed to store all sharps, including dental instruments in the place, i.e. drawers and secure with padlocks provided.

**REFERENCE**

JCHS Policy # G-302, "Security Regulations – Arbitration"