IHL rules on detention cover four main areas: grounds for and procedure of detention, treatment of detainees, judicial guarantees during trial, and, to a certain extent, transfer of detainees.

The purpose of the rules on material conditions of detention is to ensure that detaining authorities adequately provide for detainees' physical and psychological needs. These rules govern the issues such as food, accommodation, health, hygiene, contacts with the outside world, and religious observance, among others.

See Detention; Prisoners of war; Civilian internees; Internment; Treatment; Accommodation; Food; Hygiene; Communication;
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