



# Frequently Asked Questions Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility Tutwiler, MS.

## How many Montana DOC inmates are located there and why?

DOC prisons are over capacity. Placing a portion of Montana inmates at out-of-state facilities allow the department to better manage its prison population including inmates who are waiting for transfer to prison from local detention centers. The DOC continues to work with the Governor's Office and legislators to find a long-term solution.

## How were inmates selected to be transferred to Tallahatchie County Correctional?

Inmates were transferred based on numerous factors including:

- Custody level
- Proximity to parole eligibility
- Active participation in treatment, other programming
- Medical, mental health, and dental treatment in process

## Are inmates still under the supervision of the Montana DOC even though they were transferred to Mississippi?

Yes, they are still under the supervision of the Montana DOC, similar to inmates at Dawson County Correctional Center and Crossroads Correctional Center in Shelby, Mont.

## Will inmates receive health care and prescriptions as they did at MSP?

Yes, Tallahatchie meets all National Commission on Correctional Healthcare (NCCCHC) standards for correctional facilities. The facility provides on-site health care: medical, mental health, dental, optometry, pharmaceutical and radiology (x-ray only). Each transferring inmate is provided with a 10-day supply of their prescription. Those prescriptions are renewed upon arrival at Tallahatchie as appropriate.



## What will happen to inmates' property when they are transferred to Tallahatchie?

As is the case at all correctional facilities, inmates have a limited amount of space for personal items. Upon departure, inmates pack their property into 4-cubic-foot boxes. Excess property can be shipped to family or friends.

## Can friends and family send funds to inmates to buy commissary and other items?

Yes. Family and friends may send funds to their loved ones if they have been approved to do so by Montana DOC as is the case at all Montana DOC facilities. [Click here to learn more.](#) Initial transfers to inmates may take a few days for funds to be delivered to inmate accounts.

## Are commissary items and their prices at Tallahatchie similar to MSP?

For the most part, commissary items at Tallahatchie are similar as at MSP. The commissary prices at Tallahatchie include all additional taxes.

## How can friends and family stay connected to inmates at Tallahatchie?

Inmates may make phone calls (6 cents/minute), send messages (25 cents/minute or message), and participate in video visits through tablets (25 cents/minute) at the same rates as other Montana DOC-run facilities. To initiate contact with family and friends from Tallahatchie, inmates must send new invitations to connect.

**In-person visitation** – Family and friends must be on the Montana DOC's approved visitor list to visit a loved one at the Tallahatchie facility. Additional information about visiting days, times, and procedures is located on the CoreCivic website. [Click here to learn more.](#)

**Mail** – Family and friends may send mail to their loved ones. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## I am an attorney and need to connect with my client at the Tallahatchie facility. How do I do that?

To schedule a legal call or visit email:

- shikavaious.williams@corecivic.com
- shirquita.walker@corecivic.com.

You can also reach them at (662)345-6567 ext. 24041 or 52042.

## What educational and rehabilitative opportunities are available to inmates?

Tallahatchie County Correctional offers inmates an opportunity to earn their HiSET and participate in training including:

- National Center for Construction and Education and Research classes – carpentry
- Serve Safe Certification
- Reentry and Behavior Change Classes - Go Further Program, Freedom From Drugs
- Computer education classes in Microsoft programs

## What work assignments are available to inmates?

The Tallahatchie facility provides work assignments in areas including janitorial, food service, and more. All inmates in general population are offered work assignments.

## What religious opportunities are available to inmates?

Inmates are offered seven different religious services each week. The facility complies with requirements set forth in the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIPA).

## What types of recreational opportunities are available to inmates?

The Tallahatchie facility offers indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities, hobby crafts, Wheels for the World, and the Eyeglass Program.

## How does the DOC monitor contract compliance at Tallahatchie Correctional?

The DOC's Secure Contract Facilities Bureau works diligently to ensure contract compliance at the department's secure contract facilities, including Tallahatchie. This includes regular on-site visits, audits, and more. Technical experts from various areas and functions from throughout the DOC will also make regular on-site visits to the facility, in addition to engaging in regular communication with Tallahatchie staff members.

## Who do family and friends contact if they have questions or concerns about their loved one at Tallahatchie County Correctional?

DOC Secure Contract Facilities Bureau - (406) 415-6518.

DOC Constituent Services Manager - (406) 444-1680.

