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# Visiting Rules and Regulations

*Any violation of these rules may result in the visit being terminated and possible visiting suspension or revocation.*

## ***Before Entering The Facility***

- All vehicles must be secured while visiting a facility.
- Use and possession of tobacco on Department of Corrections property is prohibited.
- Handbags, backpacks, prescription, and non-prescription medication etc. are not allowed inside facilities and are to be left in a secured (locked) vehicle. Exemptions to be made by the Warden.
- Visitors will not be allowed to leave the building and return to the visit.

## ***Physical Contact***

- A brief (approximately five seconds) closed mouth facial kiss and an appropriate embrace at the beginning and end of the visit is allowed. Petting or fondling during the kiss/embrace is not allowed. Kissing, embracing, or hugging isn't allowed in the middle of your visit.
- Handholding in full view of the visiting officers/staff is allowed. Massaging, caressing, or rubbing in any form is not allowed. Visitors and inmates are not allowed to interlock their legs or recline their knees against the other person.
- Children 8 years old and younger are allowed to sit only on the lap of the inmate, visiting parent, or guardian. Others in the room are not allowed to sit on each other's laps, even when taking photographs.

## ***Visitors and inmates are not allowed to perform the following actions***

- Seat themselves where the visiting officers/staff don't have full view of all the parties. Visiting officers will change seating arrangements to address any concerns.
- Move/re-arrange the chairs/tables in the visiting rooms. If chairs or tables need to be moved to accommodate an inmate or a visitor with a disability (for example, to fit a wheelchair), staff shall move them. The chairs must be kept squared-up to the tables at all times, and not moved to the corners, placed side by side, or turned to face sideways or backward.
- Lean over the tables.
- Interact with those not in their party and/or the inmate they were approved to visit. The same applies to inmates. They are not allowed to interact with other inmates in the visiting rooms or individuals who were not approved to visit with them. Brief polite and respectful verbal social gatherings and acknowledgements are allowed.



- Put their feet on the table for any reason.
- Remove their shoes and/or socks.
- Shake or move a vending machine.
- Take an item purchased from a vending machine out of the visiting room.
- Enter other areas other than those specifically designated as visiting areas.
- Allow children to use the restrooms without supervision by the approved visitor they are with.
- Exchange any items, food, or drinks with anyone.
- Leave the visiting room unless terminating the visit. At specific facilities, you may leave with permission from the visiting officer for bathroom use.

### ***Supervision of children***

It is the responsibility of the inmate and his or her visitors to supervise and control their children on DOC property. If the inmate and his or her visitor neglect this responsibility after being warned, the visit will be terminated.

### ***Food and Vending Machines***

Vending machines are available for purchase of snacks or soft drinks. Only visitors may handle money for the vending machines. Report any problems encountered in using the machines to visiting officers/staff.

### ***Restroom Facilities***

Visitors and inmates must notify the visiting room officers/staff when they need to use the restroom. Visitors must use designated visitor restroom.