



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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DIGEST OF LAWS RELATED TO ASSOCIATION WITH PRISON INMATES

For information and guidance of persons visiting or working with or around inmates of the Department of Corrections, the following is a Digest of Laws and Rules related to association with inmates

1. Warning sign is posted at the entrance to all public and business roadways onto the grounds of the institution, camps, and other department facilities where inmates of parolees are housed indicating that by entering these grounds you consent to the search of your person, property and vehicle.

*Reference: Sections 3173(c), 3288 Title 15, Division 3, California Code of Regulations;
Mathis v. Appellate Dept. 28 Cal. App 3d 1039*

2. Entry on institution property for unauthorized purposes will be considered trespass as provided in Section 602(j) of the Penal Code. Refusal of failure to leave property when requested to do so by an official will be considered trespass as provided in Section 602(p) of the Penal Code.

Reference: Section 3289, Title 15, Division 3, California Code of Regulations

3. It is a felony for anyone to assist inmates to escape. Bringing firearms, deadly weapons, explosives or tear gas on prison grounds, or giving inmates firearms, explosives, liquor, cocaine or other narcotics or any kind of drugs, including marijuana, is a crime.

*Reference: Section 2772, 2790, 4533, 4534, 4535, 4550, 4573, 4573.5, 4573.6, 4574,
4600 Penal Code*

4. Giving letters to inmates or taking letters out for inmates is a misdemeanor.

*Reference: Section 4570, Penal Code;
Section 3401, Title 15, Division 3, California Code of Regulations.*

5. Giving gifts or presents to inmates is not permitted.

*Reference: Section 2541, Penal Code;
Section 3399, Title 15, Division 3, California Code of Regulations*

6. Receiving gifts from inmates is not permitted.

*Reference: Sections 2540, 2541, Penal Code;
Sections 3399, 3424, Title 15, Division 3, California Code of Regulations*

7. Anyone who falsely identifies himself or herself to gain admission into a prison is guilty of a misdemeanor. Persons previously convicted of a felony in this state who come upon the grounds of a prison without permission of the official in charge are guilty of a felony.

*Reference: Sections 4570.5, 4571, Penal Code;
Sections 3173(n), Title 15, Division 3, California Code of Regulations*

8. Refusal of visitors to submit to search and inspection of their person and their vehicles and property brought onto the institution grounds by such persons may be cause for denial of visit.

*Reference: Sections 5054, 5058, Penal Code;
Sections 3173(c), 3177, Title 15, Division 3, California Code of Regulations*

9. For “cause” a person may be barred from entering an institution or facility.

*Reference: Sections 5054, 5058, Penal Code;
Sections 3176, Title 15, Division 3, California Code of Regulations*

10. Persons who are not departmental employees but are assigned to or engaged in work in any departmental facility must observe all rules, regulations, and laws governing the conduct of employees. Failure to do so may lead to exclusion.

*Reference: Sections 5054, 5058, Penal Code;
Sections 3385, 3415, Title 15, Division 3, California Code of Regulations*

11. In the event of an emergency situation that affects a significant portion of the inmate population at an institution, the visiting program and other program activities may be suspended during the period of emergency.

*Reference: Sections 2601(d), Penal Code;
Sections 3383, Title 15, Division 3, California Code of Regulations*

12. Employees must not permit inmates or others to use hostages to escape from custody or otherwise interfere with orderly institution operations. Hostages will not be for bargaining purposes. All inmates, visitors, and staff will be informed of this regulation.

*Reference: Sections 5054, 5058, Penal Code;
Sections 3304, title 15, Division 3, California Code of Regulations*

13. No person shall make verbal or written statements concerning a discharged inmate for the purpose of depriving him/her of employment or of procuring same, or for extortion.

Reference: Sections 2497, Penal Code

14. It is unlawful for inmates to have or possess tobacco. Giving tobacco to an inmate is not permitted.

*Reference: Section 31110.9.1, Department of Corrections Operations Manual;
Senate Bill 384*

I have read and understand the implications of the above information.

Signature

Date