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Good to know Connecticut

Here you will find some facts about the Connecticut safety system. Please feel free to ask for more information if you have further questions: info@alive-gegen-todesstrafe.de

General information:

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287 Bilton Road
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Warden: Jeffrey E. McGill (as at June 2007)

Can I write to someone who is incarcerated?

Yes. All correspondence must include the inmate's full name and their inmate number in addition to the address of the facility where they are incarcerated. There shall be no limit placed on the number of letters an inmate may write or receive at personal expense, except as a disciplinary penalty, in accordance with <http://www.ct.gov/doc/cwp/view.asp?a=1492&q=265472>

Caution! Those engaging in correspondence with offenders are encouraged to exercise caution with regard to the release of any personal information that could compromise their safety. Additionally, discretion is advised when utilizing inmate information from alternative sources such as pen pal web sites, that may be misleading or intentionally inaccurate. The Department does not control the content of information posted on inmate pen pal websites, nor are inmates allowed internet access. On a case by case basis, the Department does review the responses sent to inmates from pen pal web sites to determine if they are consistent with the safety and security of the correctional facility and the rehabilitative interests of the offender.

An inmate may write to anyone except:

- a victim of any criminal offense for which the inmate has served or is serving a sentence, or stands convicted of, or disposition is pending;

- any person under the age of 18 when the person's parent or guardian objects in writing to such correspondence;
- an inmate in another correctional facility, other than immediate family;
- a parolee or inmate on community confinement without the express permission of the Unit Administrator and the addressee's supervisor;
- any person whom the inmate is restrained from writing to by court order; or
- any other person, when prohibiting such correspondence is generally necessary to further the substantial interests of security, order or rehabilitation. See also <http://www.ct.gov/doc/cwp/view.asp?a=1492&q=265472>

Can I place a telephone call to someone who is incarcerated?

No, inmates do not have access to incoming telephone calls, however, "collect call only" telephones are available to inmates to place outgoing calls. Each inmate completes a calling list that contains up to ten telephone numbers they may call for social contact.

Credit card calls, billing to a third party, call forwarding, transfers or any other method which circumvents collect call billing shall be prohibited. See also <http://www.ct.gov/doc/cwp/view.asp?a=1492&q=265472>

How do I visit someone who is incarcerated?

An inmate who anticipates regular visits shall submit the name and address of each potential visitor to the assigned counselor. The counselor shall forward a copy of the Visiting Application Form, to the prospective visitor, who shall complete and sign the application and mail it back to the assigned counselor. As a courtesy, up to two (2) adult visitors from the inmate's immediate family may be allowed a visit with the inmate prior to the approval of the application. (Note: An adult is defined as an individual who is 18 years of age or older). Children shall be accompanied by an adult on the approved visitor list and remain under the supervision of the adult visitor.

Please note:

Visitors are encouraged to contact the facility prior to visitation to confirm the visiting schedule and to insure that the inmate they plan to visit has not lost his or her visiting privileges.

It is up to the offender to notify a visitor that they have been added to the visiting list.

A D/R inmate shall be authorized to place up to 5 approved visitors

How can I send money to an inmate?

Inmates may receive money orders from individuals who have been placed on their visiting list. All money orders should be sent to:

Inmate Trust Fund
P.O. Box 290800
Wethersfield, CT 06129-0800

Be certain to include the inmate's full name and correctional identification number on the money order. Please include a completed remitter form (<http://www.ct.gov/doc/cwp/view.asp?a=1492&q=265472>). Do not include any correspondence to the inmate.

If you have any questions, please call 860-692-7670. Please allow at least 10 working days for money orders to be posted to an inmate's account.