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Good to know Washington

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

Mail

General rules letter/greeting cards

All letters and cards have to have the complete address and inmate number on it.

Are Stickers on the envelope permitted?

no, just air mail Stickers

Multicolored paper/home-made cards (with glue) is permitted?

multicolored paper - yes

glue - no

May I send something except letters, photos or books to the prisoners? Stamps?

You may not send stamps. You may send short articles from newspapers or magazines. Only one article per envelope. If you become a pen pal, the offender can mail you a form for the sending of clothes. They are allowed one package 4 times a year.

Photos

How many photos are allowed to send?

No Limit, but photos must have offenders name and his DOC (department of corrections) number on the back.

Can I send the offender Polaroids?

No, you can't.

Books

How can I send a book?

[Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), barnes and nobles and so on

Are Hardcover permitted?

Yes

Cash remittances

Can I send Money/Money Orders directly to the prisoner?

No cash or personal checks are accepted. The prisoner has to put you on a special list in order to receive money orders. Otherwise, the money order will be returned to sender.

The prison will take anywhere from 45-55% from whatever amount is sent. To avoid this, write FOR POSTAGE ONLY on the money order.

What are Money Orders?

Bank/Postal checks which you have to request at banks/post offices. Though it is very expensive to get money orders written out with a bank. Money orders also can be bought in the United States and be sent to the inmate.

Does one need a DEPOSIT slip?

No.

Can the inmate do oversea calls?

Ask the prisoner.

Visitation

Are there to Contact or Non Contact visits?

Prisoners sentenced to death are housed in two places. Those in the Intensive Management Unit (IMU) are only separated from the visitor through plexiglass in a little booth. Those in the Special Housing Unit (SHU) are allowed contact visits with spouses and family.

How do I come on the visitors list?

The prisoner requests you to be placed on his list. He sends you a form. You return the form to secure "clearance."

How long can I visit the inmate?

up to 3-4 hours.

What do I have to do, in order to request Special Visits?

Please ask the inmate

How does it run off in the prison, if I arrive there, in order to visit the prisoner?

Ask the inmate please

Which dress regulations are there for visitors?

Basically, conservative clothes--shoes, socks, slacks, etc. No bare legs, sexy tops, fancy pants with lots of pockets. No underwire bras. Dress regulations are extensive. See the Washington Department of Corrections home page

What do I have to consider otherwise?

You have to be on time--even a few minutes late and the guards may not let you in.

Further information: www.abolishdeathpenalty.org