

BCC VISITING ROOM – OFFENDER RULES

1. Offenders will wear a complete uniform to the visiting room. Offenders shall wear only one item each of the following; t-shirt, state gray shirt, state coat, state gray pants, boxers, and one pair of socks. Shoes will be exchanged for shower shoes and are to be worn at all times. No items will be brought to the visiting room with the exception of the offender I.D. card and an inhaler. No jewelry is allowed with the exception of one wedding band and one religious medallion. No watches will be allowed.
2. Offenders will enter the visiting room via Gate 10A, west wall door to be searched. Shoes are to be placed in the bag provided and given to the officer. The officer will place the bag on a numbered peg. Offenders are not allowed to touch the pegboard for any reason. The offender will sign in with his name, DOC number, housing unit number, and peg number noted on the sign in sheet. The offender will also list any authorized property, i.e., wedding rings and prescription glasses, where indicated on the sign in sheet.
3. Offenders will approach the visiting room counter and give their ID to the visiting room officer prior to being seated.
4. Offenders and their visitors are allowed one greeting and departing embrace and brief closed-mouth kiss at their assigned table. The only physical contact permitted at any other time, with the exception of picture taking, will be hand holding in the middle of the table directly across from the visitor. The offender must face the front of the room with legs directly under the table and hands on top of the table at all times. Offenders must sit across the table from a spouse, significant other or female friend.
5. Offenders may NOT handle money or go to the vending machine area with or without visitors.
6. Visitors will be responsible to sign up for pictures when available. Offenders must remain at the table until their turn for pictures. During the photo, visitors and offenders may face each other while holding hands or stand side-by-side. Visitors/offenders may place their arm/hand on the visitor's/offender's shoulder or waist. This is the only contact that will be allowed during photos. No kissing or touching of body parts other than the waist, hands, or shoulder.
7. Children 12 and under are not allowed to go anywhere by themselves. Offenders may accompany them to the toy box and your visitor may take them to the bathroom and the vending machines. Children under one year of age may sit on the table with constant supervision from the offender or visitor. DO NOT change diapers at tables.
8. Offenders will remain at their table during count. If a name and number count is required, the visiting room officer will instruct the manner in which the count will be conducted.
9. All visits are ended at the table and not at the counter; therefore, the "brief hug and closed-mouth kiss" will be at your assigned table. If the visiting room is closed, remain at your seat until the officer calls you up to the counter to receive your ID.
10. After being strip-searched, the offender will receive his shoes. Offenders are not to touch the pegboard or any of the hanging bags. The officer will remove the bag from the pegboard, search the items, and give it to the offender. The offender will sign out at the direction of the officer. The officer will release the offender to return to his house.
11. The only items allowed to leave the visiting room with the offender will be approved legal paperwork and children's artwork as approved by the visiting room officer.
12. All rules apply to offenders entering any area of the visiting room for visits, parole hearings, etc.
13. The door leading from the visiting room into the offender bathroom and search room will remain locked. Offenders are not allowed to enter the bathroom without staff accessing the door each time an offender requests to enter the area.
14. Offenders are responsible for all directives regarding visiting as outlined in IS13-3.1 Offender Visitation.

Signature on file

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