

State of Utah - Department of Corrections



Department Manual

<i>FD04 - Visiting</i>	<i>POLICY</i>
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01.00 POLICY & RATIONALE

01.01 Policy

- A. It is the policy of the Utah Department of Corrections (UDC) that visitation is a privilege, not a right, afforded to inmates/visitors at all UDC facilities.
- B. The Department of Corrections may adjust visiting protocol and procedures or altogether cancel visiting when needed based on the legitimate penological interest of the institution. These legitimate interests include, but are not limited to:
  1. public or inmate health concerns;
  2. public or inmate safety and security concerns;
  3. department staffing resources; and
  4. response to an incident in the community or within the institution.
- C. When visits are permitted, they may be conducted electronically, through a barrier, or without a barrier. The facility design, structure, inmate classification, and privilege levels, and overall safety and security interests all play an important role in determining what type of visit is allowed.
- D. Visitors and inmates shall comply with all visiting rules, policies, and procedures. Visitors shall read and acknowledge the Visitor Rules and Regulations. Any violation of rules, policies, or procedures by inmates or visitors may result in a visit being immediately terminated and a suspension, termination, or revocation of visiting privileges for both the inmate and visitor.

01.02 Rationale

- A. Inmate visits are an important element of incarceration and help inmates maintain family and community ties. Visiting also assists inmates in preparing to re-enter society.
- B. Only authorized persons are allowed access to secure Correctional facilities; therefore, regulations and rules are needed to ensure that only approved persons are allowed within the secure confines of a prison facility.
- C. The procedures outlined in this chapter are adopted for the legitimate penological interests of each prison facility and are intended to ensure the safety, security, management, and control of inmates, staff, and visitors while providing an opportunity for visiting.