

OCC VISITOR'S GUIDELINES

WELCOME STATEMENT

The Department of Corrections welcomes you to Olympic Corrections Center (OCC). We wish to provide a family friendly environment. To do this, there are some security measures we must take to ensure your visit is safe and pleasant. The number of visitors allowed at one time may vary from one facility to another. Please read these guidelines carefully so you may have an enjoyable visit.

WHO CAN VISIT

Visitors must have submitted a visitor's application and be approved before visiting. Each offender may have up to 6 approved visitors per visit. NOTE: The offender may not be available for a visit. You may avoid making an unnecessary trip or being turned away by pre-arranging visits with the offender.

Minors under 18 years of age may visit with a parent/guardian or an approved escort only.

WHEN YOU CAN VISIT

Visiting Times

Where	Days	Check In Time	Check Out Time
OCC Visit Room	Saturdays	0930	1430
OCC Visit Room	Sundays	0930	1430
OCC Visit Room	State-observed holidays	0930	1430
Secured Housing	By appointment		

Offenders may request arrangements for special situations, such as friends or family traveling from extended distances.

If you leave during any visit period, you may be allowed to return during the next authorized visit period.

Visiting may be interrupted or cancelled due to facility needs. You may avoid making unnecessary trips or being turned away by going online or signing up to receive visit updates via Twitter at <http://twitter.com/@wadocvisits>. This page contains basic information including where to go to view facility guidelines. You can also get information by calling 360-374-6181.

HOW YOU GET THERE

Facility Information (provided by facility)

- From the north: Take Highway 101 south through Forks to milepost 176 and turn left at the sign indicating Olympic Corrections Center. Follow the paved road approximately 11.5 miles to Olympic Corrections Center on the left side of the road. Follow the signs to the visitor parking area.

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- From the south: From Olympia take Highway 101 to Aberdeen/Ocean Beaches and follow Highway 8 through Elma and Montesano to Aberdeen. Follow signs through Aberdeen to Hoquiam (Highway 101). Continue on Highway 101 north to milepost 147 and turn right at sign indicating Olympic Corrections Center. Follow the paved road approximately 18 miles to Olympic Corrections Center on the right side of the road. NOTE: This route is not maintained during the winter months when it is snowing. If weather conditions on Highway 101 include snow, it would be advisable to continue north on Highway 101 through the Olympic National Park (Kalaloch) to milepost 176 and turn right. At milepost 176, follow the directions outlined above from the north route
- If additional assistance is needed, please call 360-374-6181
- Persons with disabilities may make arrangements with visit employees to be dropped off at the Visit Room entrance.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Vehicles/Parking

The speed limit on facility grounds is 15 mph. Thank you for not speeding.

Vehicles must be secured. The Department will not be liable for lost or stolen property.

Persons not visiting may not wait in vehicles or on facility grounds.

Pets are not permitted to wait in vehicles or on facility grounds.

Visitor Check-In

You are welcome to arrive 15 minutes before visits. Please check in at the visitor entrance.

Follow "Visitor" signs in the parking lot that point towards the OCC Visit Room. If a visitor is being dropped off, drivers should wait until the visitor notifies the driver that s/he is cleared to enter.

Please inform visit employees in advance if you intend to share difficult news during your visit. Visit personnel will attempt to make a suitable seating arrangement for the visit.

Identification

If you are 18 years of age and older, you must present current photo identification (e.g., driver's license or state ID card, passport, military or government identification, tribal identification, alien registration). Other forms of identification may be authorized by the Superintendent/designee. Expired or non-photo identification will not be accepted unless the Superintendent/designee approves in exceptional situations (e.g., the identification is recently expired, and the visitor is known to visit personnel).

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Searches

You will be required to sign a search permission form before visiting. Pat, vehicle, personal property, and/or canine searches may be conducted. Please read [DOC 420.340 Searching and Detaining Facility Visitors](#) before your first visit.

You may bring the following items in a clear plastic coin purse or plastic bag:

- Money (for cash vending machines) - At facilities where cash is required for vending machine purchases, you will be allowed \$20.00 in change or bills in denominations of \$5.00 or less. You may also bring an additional \$20.00 for the offender.
- Keys - Drivers may keep one car key and/or remote on a single ring key chain. The keys will be secured in lockers provided by the facility.
- Identification - You may be allowed to have one form of identification with you in the visiting area.
- Medical - You are allowed medications or medical equipment that is needed during the visiting period, if you provide proof of prescription of medically authorized need. Prescription medication must be in the original container and only in the limited amount needed during the visit. The original container must list your name and the names of the medication, pharmacy, and prescribing physician. During your visit, your medication will be stored in a locker provided by the facility. If you cannot clear screening due to a medical device/condition, additional search will be required.
- Small comb or brush.
- Two pair of eyeglasses, including one pair of reading glasses, or non-reflective sunglasses for facilities allowing outside visits.

Items for Infants (birth-18 months) and Toddlers (18-36 months)

Infant and toddler items must be stored in a clear plastic bag or container. The following items are allowed:

- Two clear empty plastic bottles that can be filled with water, juice, milk, or formula.
- One plastic Tupperware type child's cup with lid.
- Two unopened plastic containers of baby/snack food in their original packaging with one plastic baby spoon.
- Two bibs.
- Two pacifiers or teething objects.
- One non-quilted child's blanket.
- One change of baby clothing.

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- One disposable diaper per hour of visit.
- Baby wipes that have been transferred to a zip lock plastic bag before the visit.

Service Animals

Service animals must meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The animal's owner/escort is responsible for the animal, including:

- Service animals may not interact with offenders or other visitors.
- Cleanup of waste and disposal in the following area(s): Waste will be disposed of in a trash can identified by Visit Officers.
- Ensuring the animal remains under their control at all times.
- The animal is on a leash at all times.

OVERCROWDING IN THE VISIT ROOM

When the visit room reaches maximum capacity, the following practice will be implemented to allow as many visitors as possible the opportunity to visit:

- Visit personnel will maintain a log of visitors entering the visit room and the time that they arrive.
- After you have been in the visit room for 2 hours, you may be instructed to leave the visit room to allow another visitor(s) to enter. Visit personnel will ask for volunteers before ending any visits.
 - In limited circumstances, an offender and his/her visitor(s) may not have their visit ended (e.g., visitors who have traveled over 300 miles, rely on specialized public transportation, etc.).
- If an offender has already had a visitor(s), additional visits may not be allowed for that day.

When the visit room drops below maximum capacity, these limitations will be suspended.

CLOTHING STANDARDS

Dress standards are necessary to ensure the safety and security of visitors and offenders and to promote a positive environment. You should wear clothing that is conservative in nature in order to maintain a respectful visiting environment and ensure processing time is kept to a minimum. The Visit Sergeant/designee will make the final determination regarding the appropriateness of any clothing, footwear, or accessories.

You must wear appropriate clothing. To ensure the safety of all individuals if an emergency arises, clothing that resembles state issued offender clothing (e.g., red shirts, khaki pants, gray sweatpants and sweatshirts) or Department uniforms is not allowed.

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The following guidelines apply to visitors 8 years of age and older:

- Clothing should be free of reference to obscenity, alcohol, drugs, gang references, violence, or sex in any form.
- Buttons or closures should be fastened to the degree necessary to provide proper coverage.
- All clothing must be clean and in good repair, free of holes, rips, or tears. A rip that does not show skin is acceptable.
- Undergarments must be worn, to include bras and panties for females, and briefs or boxers for males. Underwire bras are permitted, but may require additional search.
- Clothing will not reveal breasts or expose undergarments, cleavage, stomach/midriff, or bare chest or back, including when arms are raised.
- Camouflage, bibbed attire, and pants with multiple side pockets may not be worn. While camisoles or light layering of T-shirts/sweaters is allowed, excessive layering that could conceal contraband are not allowed.
- Outer garment shirts must have sleeves.
- Sweaters, blazers, and sweatshirts are permitted.
- Hooded clothing is not allowed.
- Shorts must not fall more than 3 inches above the middle of the kneecap when standing. This standard also applies to women's dresses, skirts, capris, skorts, and slits in clothing.
- You may be prohibited from bringing hooded or heavy, parka style coats into the visit room. The placement of these items will be in a locker provided by the facility.
- Shoes, sandals, flip flops, and boots must be in good repair, free of holes, rips, or tears. Quilted, fur lined, or steel toed footwear is not allowed. High heels must be no more than 3 inches high from the heel of the visitor's foot to the ground.
- Accessories
 - The following items are permitted:
 - No more than 3 rings.
 - One necklace.
 - One bracelet.
 - One watch. Watches that contain other devices (e.g., cell phones, calculators, flash drives, etc.) are not allowed.
 - Metal jewelry or accessories will need to pass the electronic detector and/or be searchable by hand, which may increase your processing time. Jewelry that hides other items (e.g., broaches, locket, pins) or jewelry that looks like a key is not allowed.

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- Scarves, neck ties, hats, and gloves are not allowed.
- Belts are allowed, except money belts and belts with compartments or removable parts.
- Religious and medically necessary head coverings are allowed, but are subject to search. Searches will be conducted in a private area by a person of the same gender.

Children must wear clothing that will not reveal underwear when they crawl, spin, etc. Shorts under dresses may be appropriate.

CONDUCT DURING VISITS

The Department intends to maintain visiting programs which help offenders preserve positive ties with family and friends. Cooperation by all participants is encouraged. Please be respectful, courteous, and follow all instructions given by facility employees. The following visit room guidelines will help to ensure that visits are a pleasant experience for all participants.

The following is not allowed:

- Any criminal activity
- Weapons or objects that present danger of any kind
- Visitors that have consumed alcohol and/or any illegal substance
- Contraband not allowed on:
 - The premises, including alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs, or
 - Your person, including gum
- Any disturbance or the creation of emergency situations within the facility
- Any conduct/behavior that threatens the health and safety of any visitor, offender, or others

General Guidelines:

- A brief hug and kiss (i.e., 4-5 seconds in length) are permitted at the beginning and conclusion of visits. During the visit, the only physical contact allowed between offenders and adult visitors is holding hands with hands in plain view. As visiting areas are family friendly environments, caressing of any kind will not be allowed.
 - In addition to brief, appropriate contact at the beginning and conclusion of each visit, an offender may have physical contact with his/her minor visitor(s) 8 years of age and under in a manner that respects the child's feelings and physical boundaries.
 - The child may sit on the offender's lap.
 - The offender may show affection toward the child (i.e., hugs or kisses).
 - Visit personnel will monitor the child for signs of disengagement (e.g., pulling away, crying, screaming, etc.) and will, if appropriate, instruct the offender to discontinue the physical contact or return the child to the guardian/escort.
 - The Superintendent/designee may establish additional requirements for an individual offender/visitor.

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- Visitors that cause significant concern during their visit may be suspended from visiting privileges.
- Visits may become emotional at times. If visit personnel observe this, they may check in with you.
- Conversations should remain quiet, without harsh language or swearing, encouraging pleasant and caring family interaction. Please avoid loud, excessively emotional, or disruptive behavior.
- Visit areas are provided for all visitors. Please use furnishings for their intended use.
- Because time is limited, the focus and interaction must remain between the offender and his/her own visitors and family. Conversations with other offenders and/or their visitors are not allowed with the exception of very brief (i.e., one or two word) courteous statements (e.g., hello, please, thank you, etc.).
- During visitation, money will be used for vending machine purchases by visitors. Once opened, purchased food items must be removed from their packaging and placed on a plate or napkin. Any unopened items may be taken home by the visitor. Visitors will take all unspent money and vending machine debit cards with them when they leave.
- If restrooms are located outside the visit room, visitors may be subject to additional search.
- Please put away all items used during visits (e.g., games, toys, books).
- Please throw trash and recyclables in provided containers at the end of your visit.

General Supervision of Children:

- Children must be under direct supervision and within sight of the visiting parent or guardian/escort at all times. Children should remain at the table or in authorized play or break areas at all times. Roughhousing and horseplay will be stopped immediately by the visiting minor's escort.
- The offender may supervise a child(ren) while the adult visitor uses the restroom or the vending machine, provided there is no restriction prohibiting the offender from being alone with the child(ren).
- For health and safety purposes, children under age 5 must have an adult escort them when they use the restroom. While an adult visitor escorts the child to the restroom, the offender may supervise remaining children, provided there is no restriction prohibiting the offender from being alone with the child(ren).
- Verbal corrections and time-outs are the only allowable forms of discipline during visits. Department employees are required by law to report suspected child abuse and neglect.

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- Showing affection, holding, and playing with visiting children promote positive family interaction. Please remember to be considerate of other visitors and your public surroundings.
- Grooming of children's hair may be done during visits, unless visits occur in a dining hall.
- When changing children's soiled garments, please use the provided changing areas.

Suggestion/Comment forms are available in the visit room and online at <http://www.doc.wa.gov/family/visits.asp>.