

WCC VISITOR'S GUIDELINES

WELCOME STATEMENT

The Department of Corrections welcomes you to Washington Corrections Center. 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 housed in R4-R6, Cedar, and Evergreen may have up to 5 approved visitors per visit. Each offender housed in R1-R3 and Intensive Management Unit (IMU) may have up to 3 approved visitors per visit. Offenders in-transit between facilities and/or to and from court are not authorized visits without an approved exception. 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

TIME	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
09:45 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.	CEDAR EVERGREEN Cedar out @ 12:30 R-5 in @ 12:45	CEDAR EVERGREEN R-6 R-2 Evergreen out @ 12:30 IMU in @12:00	CEDAR EVERGREEN R-4 R-1 Cedar out @ 12:30	CEDAR EVERGREEN R-3 Evergreen out @ 12:30 R-6 in @ 12:45
4:15 P.M. TO 7:15 P.M.	R-4 R-1 IMU	EVERGREEN R-5 R-3	CEDAR when no banquets or activities	EVERGREEN CEDAR R-6 R-2

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Offenders housed in R1-R3 and IMU are eligible to receive no-contact visits. Only immediate family members will be allowed to visit. A maximum of 3 visitors will be allowed in the visiting booth. A visit may be terminated if the behavior of the visitor or offender warrants it.

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) 426-4433 ext. 5227.

HOW YOU GET THERE

Facility Information (provided by facility)

- From north or south, take I-5 to exit 104 onto Highway 101 toward Aberdeen/Shelton. Just past Mud Bay, take the Shelton cut-off to stay on Highway 101. Continue on Highway 101 past the 3 Shelton exits and the Sanderson Field Airport on the left. Go approximately one more mile and watch for the green highway sign that says Washington State Patrol Academy/Washington Corrections Center. Turn left onto Highway 102. Go past the Washington State Patrol Academy. Go approximately one more mile, and you will come to the Washington Corrections Center on the left.
- You can contact WCC at (360) 426-4433 ext. 5227 during visiting hours if you get lost.
- As you enter the facility's driveway, proceed to the speaker box located in the turn-out to your right. At the speaker box, you will be asked your reason for coming and will be directed to the lot on the left hand side of the driveway. Please utilize the parking spots towards the buildings which are marked "visitor".
- If you have a disability, tell the tower when checking in at the speaker box and you will be directed to the appropriate parking area.

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.

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Visitor Check-In

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

From the parking lot, please proceed to the Visitor Entrance as indicated by the signs.

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).

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 debit vending machines) - At facilities with debit vending machines, you will be allowed a vending machine debit card. Debit card limits are established by the facility based on vendor resources. For Washington Corrections Center, the debit card limit is \$25 per person visiting, including the offender. To start your debit card, you must have a \$5 bill. Additional funds may be added using bills, no change.
- Keys - Drivers may keep one car key and/or remote on a single ring key chain. The keys will be secured in the lockers available in Public Access when you check in.
- 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. Inhalers and nitroglycerin tablets are allowed in the visit room as long as they stay on the person at all times. All other medication will be placed in the visitor's locker. If needed, you can access the locker by contacting an employee. If you cannot clear screening due to a medical device/condition, additional search will be required.
- Small comb or brush.

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- 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.
- 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): The animal's owner is responsible for cleaning up after his/her service animal with materials supplied by the facility. Waste will be placed in a red bag and disposed of in a bio-waste container.
- 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.

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- After you have been in the visit room for 2 hours and 45 minutes, 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 Visiting 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.

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.

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- 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 either in your assigned locker or your vehicle.
- 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.
 - 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

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- 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.
- 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 or vending machine debit cards may be used for vending machine purchases by visitors. No more than 5 offenders are allowed near the machines at any time. Offenders will not make purchases from the machines, but can go to the table in front of the machines to make their selections, and then return to their assigned table. Offenders are not allowed to loiter at the microwaves or have possession of the debitek debit card. Once opened, purchased food items must be removed from their packaging and placed on a plate or napkin. The offender can then help the visitor carry their food to the table. 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.

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- 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.
- 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>.