

# **VISITATION RULES**

## **W A R N I N G**

### **“ALL VISITATION CONVERSATIONS ARE RECORDED”**

Inmate behavior and discipline is closely regulated and controlled. Certain acts of an inmate or visitor are prohibited. Key among these is the transfer of contraband. Do not give or take anything from an inmate, without the expressed prior approval of the staff.

If you have anything you intend or would like to give an inmate, notify the officer immediately. If you are in possession of any contraband please take it out of the facility immediately, then return for your visit. Do not let an inmate talk you into violating the law or rules. The consequences are very serious. For your purposes contraband includes:

1. Alcohol
2. Chemicals, either commercial, or homemade
3. Club
4. Food or consumable items not supplied by the facility
5. Firearm or ammunition
6. Knife, pointed, or sharp edged item
7. Legal pagers belonging to another inmate
8. Matches or fire making material
9. Metal cans
10. Mind altering substances
11. Money or financial instrument
12. Prescription or non-prescription medicines or drugs
13. Projectile or missile
14. Property of another
15. Tobacco or tobacco products
16. Fire making material such as matches, lighter, or any flammable substance.

#### **Categorization of Offenses:**

Breaches of policy may result in an inmate being *disciplined, reclassified, being charged with criminal offenses*, or a combination of all three. Visitors or employees aiding or allowing an inmate to violate this policy may be subject to criminal charges and permanent removal from the facility.

#### **Criteria to visit:**

1. Visitor must produce a picture ID upon being asked by an officer
2. Visitor is at least 18 years of age, unless accompanied by parent or guardian.

**Inmates will not be restricted in regard to whom they visit unless the Jail Administrator or their designee determines that a visitor should be excluded due to the existence of one or more of the following conditions:**

1. The visitor represents a clear and present danger to security.
2. The visitor has a past history of disruptive conduct at the jail.
3. The visitor is under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
4. The visitor refuses to submit to a search or show proper identification.
5. The inmate refuses the visit.
6. Visiting restrictions have been placed on the inmate for reasons involving discipline or security.
7. Contact between the visitor and inmate has been prohibited by a Court or it's officers.
8. They are found to be carrying contraband and / or have past history of passing contraband into the facility.
9. Victims of crime may be refused when deemed proper by the jail staff on duty.
10. Visitors shall not be refused solely on basis of having a past criminal history.
11. Any person found attempting to convey or conveying any unauthorized items into the Coshocton County Jail including drugs, weapons, tools for escape, tobacco products, matches, lighter, food, etc. will face prosecution.
12. The Jail Administrator or their designee determines that there are other substantial reasons to justify such limitations in order to promote the safe and secure operation of the facility. Such reason shall be documented in writing.
13. Shoes, shirts, pants or dresses are required by all visitors. Visitors wearing provocative clothing, as determined by the jail staff on duty, shall be refused to visit.
14. Once a person has completed their visit, or is not eligible for some other reason, they are not permitted to remain in the visitation area.
15. Persons visiting the jail are not permitted in any other part of the building except the hallway outside the visiting area.
16. No blocking of visitation area and lobby is permitted.
17. Food and or drinks are not permitted in the visiting area.
18. The use of tobacco products is prohibited in the Coshocton County Sheriff's Office Building.
19. Jail staff may refuse any visitors for violations of these rules and jail staff may terminate any visits if deemed necessary.
20. Visiting at the windows outside the windows of the jail is prohibited.