

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S FACILITY VISITING RULES & REGULATIONS

The California Department of Correction's and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Visiting Program at the Central California Women's Facility (CCWF) is intended as an avenue to develop and maintain healthy family and community relations. We hope that your visiting experience at CCWF is enjoyable. Visitors are expected to adhere to the following rules and guidelines which are intended to ensure the continued safety and security of CCWF, staff, visitors, and inmates.

General Information

CDCR does not negotiate for release of hostages to affect an escape or for any other reasons. To protect visitors, especially children, visitors are cautioned to stay away from the electrical perimeter fence line. Children must be accompanied by an adult and under control at all times. Further details may be obtained by calling the Statewide General Visiting Information number at (800) 374-8474.

It is a crime to: (1) Assist an inmate to escape (2) Bring onto CCWF grounds weapons, firearms, ammunition, explosive devices, tear gas, pepper spray, alcohol, controlled substances, cameras and/or recording devices (3) Exchange letters and/or written documents with an inmate during visiting (4) Provide falsified information to gain admission at CCWF (5) Enter prison grounds without the Warden's permission if previously convicted of a felony.

Visitors must secure their vehicles. Blind, deaf or disabled individuals; who utilize a special trained guide, signal or service animal; are allowed to participate in the visiting program upon approval of their visiting application.

An inmate may utilize Excused Time Off from work only once every 30 days to visit with pre-approved visitors who travel in excess of 250 miles and who have not visited the particular inmate within the past 30 days, or out-of-state visitors who have not visited the particular inmate within the past four months.

Minors are allowed to visit when accompanied by an approved visitor such as a parent or court appointed legal guardian or they have written notarized permission to visit from their parent or legal guardian and an original "Certified Birth Certificate" or an original embossed "Abstract of Birth." Notarized letters must reflect a notary's stamp; they must not be stapled or attached as an amendment and must be updated each calendar year. Child victims are not allowed to visit any inmate convicted of a sexual offense against a minor. To protect the minor, the adult visitor must provide identification for each child to verify that the child is not the victim.

All visitors must successfully pass through a metal detector to enter the Visiting area. Any items that may set off the metal detector, e.g., hairclips, hairpins, jewelry, belts, suspenders, etc., must be removed prior to passing through the metal detector. At each visit, visitors with metal implants or prosthesis must provide an original physician's note indicating that the visitor is implanted with a metal device or utilizes a prosthesis. If a visitor cannot successfully pass through, the visitor will be subject to delay or denial of visitation.

Application Process

The inmate must initiate and forward a Visiting Questionnaire (CDC 106) to each prospective visitor. The prospective visitor must complete, sign, and date the CDC 106 and submit it, via mail, to:

Central California Women's Facility
Visitor Processing
P.O. Box 1501
Chowchilla, CA 93610-1501

The CDC 106 must be approved prior to visitation. Failure to provide or disclose all requested information may result in the denial of the application. Visitors must submit an updated CDC 106 every two years or in the event of a change in name, address, or criminal history. The Visiting office will not inform prospective visitors of their respective approval or disapproval status via telephone. It is the inmate's responsibility to notify her prospective visitors. However, prospective visitors whose CDC 106s are disapproved will be mailed a written notice stating the reason for denial. The application process generally takes four to six weeks once received.

Acceptable Identification

- Valid state driver's license with picture (not laminated).
- Valid Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Identification Card (ID) with picture. Computer generated paper ID with picture is acceptable only for 60 days after date of issuance.
- Valid picture passport.
- Valid Armed Forces ID with picture.
- Identification cards issued by the United States Department of Justice or United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- Matricula Consular De Alta Seguridad (MCAS) picture identification issued by the Mexican Consulate/Foreign Consulate is acceptable only for 60 days after date of issuance.