

Sec. 18-81-30. Inmate correspondence

Inmates may write and receive letters subject to the following provisions:

(a) **Frequency.** There shall be no limit placed on the number of letters an inmate may write or receive at personal expense, except as a disciplinary penalty.

(b) **Timely Handling.** Incoming and outgoing correspondence shall be processed without unnecessary delay.

(c) **Correspondents.** An inmate may write to anyone except:

(1) A victim of any criminal offense for which the inmate has served or is serving a sentence, or stands convicted of, or disposition is pending.

(2) Any person under the age of 18 when the person's parent or guardian objects in writing to such correspondence.

(3) An inmate in another correctional facility, other than immediate family.

(4) A parolee or inmate on community confinement without the express permission of the Unit Administrator and the addressee's supervisor.

(5) Any person whom the inmate is restrained from writing to by court order.

(6) Any other person, when prohibiting such correspondence is generally necessary to further the substantial interests of security, order or rehabilitation.

(d) **Cost of Correspondence.** Each inmate shall pay personal mailing expenses, except an indigent inmate. An indigent inmate shall be permitted two (2) free social letters each week, and five (5) letters per month addressed to the court or attorneys, including any request for speedy trial under Sections 54-82c and 54-186 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Additional free correspondence to courts and attorneys may be authorized by the Unit Administrator based upon the reasonable needs of the inmate.

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