

Australian Capital Territory

Corrections Management (Contraband) Policy 2009

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made under the

Corrections Management Act 2007, section 14(1) (Corrections policies and operating procedures)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Corrections Management (Contraband) Policy 2009*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is notified.

3 Policy

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CONTRABAND POLICY

attached to this instrument, to facilitate the effective and efficient management of correctional services.

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Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC)



CONTRABAND POLICY

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Purpose

To outline the policy to identify items designated as contraband within the AMC.

Authority

Legislation

Corrections Management Act 2007, sections 14, 81, 82 & 145.

Policy

Principles

Specific items may be prohibited if there are reasonable grounds for believing they are illegal, offensive, or prejudicial to the health of any person or to the security or good order of the AMC.

Prohibited items

Possession of a prohibited article is an offence under section 82(1) of the *Corrections Management Act 2007*.

Prisoners

Any prisoner found to be in possession of a prohibited article will have that article confiscated and the possession investigated.

The following items may not be in possession of a prisoner at the AMC:

- mobile phones and accessories, including but not limited to SIM cards, batteries, chargers and earpieces;
- laptop computers;
- USB/ Flash drives;
- portable TV/ DVD players;
- intoxicating liquor (commercial or homemade);
- drugs and other illegal substances;
- implements used for administering drugs and illegal substances – including but not limited to hypodermic equipment, cones, bongs, etc;

- prescription drugs other than those authorised by medical staff;
- any implement designed as or able to be used as a weapon or to assist in aiding an escape;
- scissors, firearms, ammunition, knives, any cutting blade, and replicas of the aforementioned;
- tattoo guns (commercial or homemade);
- property belonging to another person;
- cigarette lighters;
- aerosol spray canisters;
- non-commercial compact discs (CDs) or digital versatile disks (DVDs) other than those authorised;
- recording devices of any format (including MP3 Players);
- currency;
- cooking equipment;
- explosives or explosive devices (commercial or homemade);
- paint – other than when approved for hobbies or industries;
- oil – other than when approved for industries;
- acid;
- glue – other than when approved for hobbies or industries;
- herbicide/fungicide/insecticide – other than when approved for industries;
- keys (commercial manufacture or homemade), except cell/room privacy key;
- vegemite;
- tools and cutting implements of any kind;
- offensive material; and
- any other item deemed inappropriate by the Superintendent.

Visitors

Visitors may not be in possession of the following things at any time while on correctional centre grounds (including the car park):

- intoxicating liquor (commercial or homemade);
- drugs and other illegal substances;
- implements used for administering drugs and illegal substances – including but not limited to hypodermic equipment, cones, bongs, etc;
- any implement designed as or able to be used as a weapon or to assist in aiding an escape;
- scissors, firearms, tools, ammunition, knives, any cutting blade, and replicas of the aforementioned;
- tattoo guns (commercial or homemade);
- explosives or explosive devices (commercial or homemade); and
- any other item deemed inappropriate by the Superintendent.

Visitors may not enter the AMC beyond the metal detector in possession of the following items:

- mobile phones and accessories, including but not limited to SIM cards, batteries, chargers and earpieces;
- prescription drugs other than those authorised by a medical practitioner and used for emergency treatment of a medical condition (e.g. asthma inhalers,

angina medication). Only an amount that may be reasonable given the length of the visit will be permitted;

- cigarette lighters, matches and cigarettes;
- aerosol spray canisters;
- non-commercial compact discs (CDs) or digital versatile disks (DVDs);
- recording devices of any format (including MP3 Players);
- currency;
- paint;
- oil;
- acid;
- glue;
- herbicide/fungicide/insecticide;
- keys;
- books / magazines;
- offensive material; and
- any other item deemed inappropriate by the Superintendent.

Corrections Officers and other AMC employees/contractors

Correctional Officers may not bring the following items past the entrance to the Gatehouse:

- mobile phones and accessories, including but not limited to SIM cards, batteries, chargers and earpieces;
- prescription drugs other than those authorised by a medical practitioner
- intoxicating liquor (commercial or homemade);
- drugs and other illegal substances;
- implements used for administering drugs and illegal substances – including but not limited to hypodermic equipment, cones, bongs, etc;
- non-commercial compact discs (CDs) or digital versatile disks (DVDs);
- MP3 players;
- recording devices of any format;
- offensive material; and
- any other item deemed inappropriate by the Superintendent.

Offensive material

Offensive material includes material that:

- is sexually explicit or sexually demeaning (depicting female breasts, male or female genitalia, or the anus or pubic area in a sexual manner including where these may be seen through a sheer covering, such as lace, mesh, or body paint);
- promotes crime, cruelty, or violence towards people or animals;
- criticises religious or politics beliefs or convictions;
- is intended to or may incite racial tension or racial prejudice;
- is directly or indirectly offensive to a person's physical appearance, marital status, pregnancy, family circumstances, medical condition, or physical, sensory or intellectual disability; and
- is intended to or likely to be perceived as harassing or demeaning to persons of a particular gender or sexual preference.

Note: sexually explicit letters between consenting correspondents are not considered to be offensive.

Possession and confiscation of prohibited things

Any prisoner found to be in possession of a prohibited article will have that article confiscated, a receipt issued and the possession investigated. The item may be disposed of following investigation.

Any visitor attempting to introduce contraband into the AMC will have the matter reported to the AFP and their visitor status reviewed by the Superintendent. They may also be directed to leave the AMC grounds immediately.

Forms/Templates

Officers Report

Seized Article Receipt Form

Related Policies and Procedures

Contraband Seizure Procedure

Incident Reporting Policy

Incident Reporting Procedure

Prisoner Property Procedure

Searching Policy

Searching Procedure

Offensive Materials Policy