



*Somerset County Jail
131 E. Madison Rd.
E. Madison, ME 04950*

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Visitors to Somerset County Jail Inmates

Subject: Visit Rules.

1. Visitors may be denied visits for the following reasons:
 - a. Being on current bail conditions
 - b. Pending criminal charges.
 - c. If a protection order or other court order prohibiting contact in between the inmate and the requested visitor is in effect.
 - d. If a warrant for the visitor's arrest is currently active. Upon the visitor's arrival to the jail, the Shift Commander will contact local law enforcement to notify them of the situation.
 - e. The visitor is currently under supervision of Probation and Parole, or a jail diversion program approved by the Sheriff.
 - f. The visitor has been released from custody of Somerset County Jail within the last sixty (60) days.
 - g. Any known convictions for Trafficking in Prison Contraband.
 - h. Any previously identified behavior during a visit which violated SCJ rules and regulations governing visits.
 - i. Any individual denied a visit because of 1a, 1b or 1e shall be offered a non-contact visit.
2. A visit maybe refused or terminated if there has been a violation of visiting rules or there is reasonable belief that the visitor poses a threat to the safety or security of the facility, staff, or inmate.
3. All visitors must arrive at the facility fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled visit. Visitors who arrive after visiting starts will not be permitted to visit that day.
4. All visitors must present government issued photo identification before being permitted to visit. Acceptable identification will be, at a minimum, one of the following:
 - a. Driver's License.
 - b. State Issued Photo ID card.
 - c. Military ID.
5. All visitors under the age of eighteen (18) must be supervised by their parent or guardian who has successfully passed the background check.

6. Visits are restricted to three (2 AND 1 CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 5 YEARS OLD) family members or friends at any given time, as long as space permits. Visits will be a minimum of sixty (60) minutes. NOTE: children will be on a chair or a lap at all times during a visit.
7. All visitors will enter the building through the public entrance.
8. All visitors are required to register with the visiting officer at the reception desk located in the lobby.
9. All visitors are required to store their personnel property in the lockers provided in the lobby.
10. All visitors' clothing must be appropriate for a visit. Clothing must be worn on the upper body at all times. Bare tops or miniskirts are prohibited.
11. Visitors may be subject to search by jail personnel. All visitors will be searched by a metal detector.
12. Smoking is prohibited in the facility. All tobacco products and lighting materials are considered contraband and will be left outside of the facility.
13. Passing anything to an inmate during a visit without approval from staff is prohibited and will result in termination of the visit.
14. Any person who brings or attempts to bring any item of contraband into the facility will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
15. No cameras are allowed in the facility without prior written approval from the Correctional Administrator.
16. No person suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be allowed to enter visitation.
17. Former inmates may only visit with inmates at the Somerset County Jail upon approval by the Asst. Jail Administrator.
18. Inmates and visitors must conduct themselves with consideration and respect for others during visits.
19. Any disruptive action which imposes on others' visiting time shall result in termination of the visit.
20. All visitors must leave the facility grounds upon completion of their visit.

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