

Yukon Corrections: Adult Custody Policy Manual

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STATEMENT OF POLICY

This policy describes the circumstances and manner in which inmates may have access to news media personnel and organizations as well as the limitations to this access.

AUTHORITIES

Corrections Act 2009: ss. 1, 2(a), 2(g), 14(1)(a), 14(1)(b), 14(1)(e), 14(2), 15, 17, 21.

Corrections Regulations: ss. 8(1) 14, 15.

DEFINITIONS

Digital Video Recorder: an electronic device that is capable of recording video in a digital format to a type of storage device (e.g. flash drives).

Inmate Communication: communication made or intended to be made by oral, written, electronic or prescribed means between an inmate and another person, including another inmate, other than a privileged communication specified under paragraph 51(w) of the *Corrections Act 2009*.

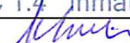
Member of the Media: any person or private or public sector organization that is employed, contracted, or otherwise involved in the gathering and reporting of news items to the public.

Recording Device: an electronic or digital device that is capable of recording sound and/or audio to a type of media (e.g. CDs, tapes, flash drives).

PROVISIONS

1. An inmate may communicate with members of the media by telephone, regular mail, or through scheduled in-person visits.
2. Correctional staff may not forward telephone messages from members of the media to inmates.
3. The Person in Charge may limit an inmate's communication and access to members of the media, , including by limiting the ability of an inmate to meet with members of the media at the correctional centre, in accordance with ss. 2(a), 2(g), 17, and 21 of the *Corrections Act*, 2009 and ss. 8 and 15 of the *Corrections Regulations*..
4. In determining access to the correctional centre by members of the media, the Person in Charge must consider any operational or security concerns that are relevant in the circumstances.
5. Regular operations of the correctional centre must not be interrupted as a result of facilitating inmate access to members of the media.

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6. With the permission of the inmate, members of the media may visit an inmate at the correctional centre. These visits will be governed in a manner approved by a Deputy Superintendent or the Person in Charge.
7. Members of the media must provide government issued photo identification before entering the correctional centre.
8. When visiting with inmates, members of the media will be permitted to bring paper and writing instruments for note-taking. Members of the media may also be permitted to bring pre-approved electronic or digital recording devices to visits with inmates.
 - 8.1. In no circumstances will cell phones be permitted.
9. Where the pre-approved electronic or digital recording device is owned by the correctional centre and provided to a member of the media for use during a visit, the member of the media will be permitted to carry a pre-approved removable digital memory device (e.g. USB flash drive).
10. The Person in Charge will ensure that inmates and members of the media are aware and advised that their communications do not fall within the scope of privileged communications as set out in the *Corrections Act* and Regulations.
11. Members of the media who wish to conduct filmed or video-recorded interviews with an inmate and/or who wish to take photographs during an interview may make a request in writing to the Person in Charge.
 - 11.1. The Person in Charge must consult with the Director of Corrections about the media request prior to granting or denying access.
12. If the Person in Charge authorizes a member of the media to conduct a filmed or video-recorded interview with an inmate and/or to take photographs during an interview, he/she/they may be permitted to bring a pre-approved digital video recorder and/or a camera.
 - 12.1. In no circumstance will cell phones be permitted.
13. Any visit with a member of the media that is audio or video recorded will only be conducted in a closed visiting room to ensure that the privacy of other inmates is not jeopardized and infringed upon.
14. The Person in Charge will ensure that the privacy of inmates is protected and that any photographs or audio or video recordings made by a member of the media do not identify an inmate without his/her/their consent.

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- C 1.1 Inmate Visits
- C 1.2 Inmate Correspondence
- C 1.3 Inmate Telecommunications
- G 1.4 Site Access
- G 2.55 Media Release of Information

HISTORY