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15.03 POLICY: Publications for Inmates

The Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center ("MDC") allows inmates to receive magazines, newspapers and periodicals that are generally available to the public, subject to Policy No. 15.02 (Limitations on Mail), and subject to cell volume restrictions.

PURPOSE:

To provide inmates with sources of self-education and leisure-time activities while maintaining facility order and security.

PROCEDURES:

A. Permitted Volume of Printed Materials and Publications

1. The number of reading materials permitted in a cell or dorm style bunk is two (2) per inmate. The limits set on books, magazines, newspapers and periodicals is based on safety/security and orderly operations, including fire safety and the fire code.
2. Inmates are not authorized to receive books through the mail.
 - a. The facility chaplain will accept a limited number of donated books, for inmates, which are educational or religious in nature. The books will be distributed equally throughout the facility after being approved by the chief of corrections.
 - b. Educational books received through a program must have an authorization note from the facility chaplain if the number of books in a cell/sleeping area exceeds the total number of authorized publications.
 - c. Religious books which cause the inmate's total number of personal reading materials to exceed two (2) must have an authorization note from the Facility Chaplain. (Refer to Policy No. 11.16, Inmate Cells/Sleeping Area).
 - d. Religious books should never be disposed of. Any religious books found to have been altered by the inmate, or any religious books which are not accompanied by a written approval from the Facility Chaplain (in cases where the number of religious books cause the total number of personal reading materials for any given inmate to exceed two (2)) must be confiscated and given to the Facility Chaplain for review and disposition..

B. Receiving Printed Materials and Publications

1. The mail clerk responsible for receiving mail shall return any printed materials and publications (i.e., magazines, newspapers, periodicals), which are unauthorized. Refer to Policy No. 15.02 (Limitations on Mail).
2. Books will be automatically returned to sender.