

VISIT GUIDELINES

WELCOME STATEMENT

The Department of Corrections welcomes you to Ahtanum View Corrections Center. We wish to provide a family friendly environment. To do this, there are some security measures we must take to ensure your visit is safe and pleasant. All facilities are chewing gum and tobacco free. Please read these guidelines carefully so you may have an enjoyable visit.

WHO CAN VISIT

Anyone can visit as long as they are approved and in the Inmate Visiting System.

Children under the age of 18 may visit with a parent/guardian or an approved escort only.

WHEN YOU CAN VISIT

Visiting Times

Where	Days	Check In Time	Check Out Time
Dining Room	Friday	6:30 pm	9:00 pm
Dining Room	Saturday	1:30 pm 6:30 pm	4:00 pm 9:00 pm
Dining Room	Sunday	1:30 pm 6:30 pm	4:00 pm 9:00 pm
Dining Room	Holiday	1:30 pm 6:30 pm	4:00 pm 9:00 pm

Offenders may request arrangements for special situations such as friends or family traveling from extended distances.

Visitors who leave during any visit period may be allowed to return during the next authorized visit period.

HOW YOU GET THERE

Ahtanum View Corrections Center
2009 South 64th Avenue
Yakima, WA 98903
(509) 573-6300

From Ellensburg: Take Interstate 82 South. After going past Selah, take US 12 west (White Pass exit) to the 40th Ave Exit. Go south on 40th Ave to Nob Hill Blvd. Turn right and proceed to 64th Ave. Turn left onto 64th Ave.; proceed to stop sign at Washington Ave and continue across on 64th Ave – AVCC will be the first and second driveways on the left.

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From Tri-Cities: Take Interstate 82 North. When entering Yakima, take the Nob Hill Blvd exit. Go west on Nob Hill Blvd to 64th Ave. Turn left onto 64th Ave.; proceed to the stop sign at Washington Ave and continue across on 64th - AVCC will be the first and second driveways on the left.

From the Yakima Airport: turn left onto Washington Ave out of the airport. Stay on Washington Ave until you reach 64th Avenue. Turn left onto 64th Ave – AVCC is the first and second driveways on the left.

The local transit authority, Yakima Transit, has a bus stop at the corner of Washington and 64th Avenues.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Vehicles/Parking

The speed limit on facility grounds is 15 mph. Thank you for not speeding.

Pets and persons not visiting may not wait in vehicles. Vehicles should be secured.

Visitor Check In

Visitors are welcome to arrive at Ahtanum View Corrections Center 10 minutes prior to visits. Please check in at Control.

Please inform staff in advance if you intend to share difficult news during your visit. Staff will attempt to make a suitable seating arrangement for your visit.

Identification

All visitors 16 years of age and older will be asked to show current photo identification (e.g., driver's license, passport, military or government identification, tribal identification, alien registration, student identification). Expired or non-photo identification will not be accepted.

Searches

Visitors will be required to sign a search permission form before visiting. Pat, vehicle, personal property, and/or canine searches may be conducted.

You may bring the following items in a clear plastic coin purse or plastic bag:

- Money – Each visitor is allowed \$15.00 in change or bills in denominations of \$1.00 or less.
- Keys – All keys will be secured in lockers at Control supplied by the facility.
- Identification – All visitors will be allowed to have one form of identification with them in the visiting area.

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- Medical – Visitors are allowed life sustaining medications or medical equipment that is needed during the visiting period, if the visitor provides proof of prescription of medically authorized need.
- Small comb or brush.

Items for Infants and Toddlers

Infant and toddler items must be stored in a clear plastic bag or container. The following items are allowed:

- Two clear plastic bottles containing water, juice, milk, or liquid formula.
- One plastic Tupperware type child's cup with lid.
- Two unopened plastic containers of baby food in their original packaging with one plastic baby spoon.
- Two bibs.
- Two pacifiers or teething objects.
- One non-quilted child blanket.
- One change of baby clothing.
- One disposable diaper per hour of visit.
- Baby wipes that have been transferred to a zip lock plastic bag prior to visit.

HOW TO ENJOY YOUR VISIT

The following guidelines are in place to ensure a safe and pleasant visit.

Continuation of your visit and visiting privileges will depend on:

- Visitors arriving without having consumed alcohol and/or an illegal substance, or being in possession of contraband.
- Visitors and/or offender following the Visit Guidelines, policy, and procedures.
- Compliance with search procedures.
- No disturbances or emergency situations within the facility.
- No clear and/or immediate danger or suspicion of criminal conduct that threatens the health or safety of any visitor, offender, or staff.

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- Weapons of any kind are not permitted.
- Families are encouraged to be considerate of other visitors. Please avoid loud, excessively emotional, or disruptive behavior.

Dress standards are necessary to ensure the safety and security of visitors and offenders, to promote a non-offensive, family oriented environment, and to provide efficient processing of visitors. The visiting Sergeant/designee will make the final determination regarding the appropriateness of any clothing, footwear, or accessories allowed. The following guidelines apply to visitors 5 years and older:

Clothing

Appropriate, modest clothing should be worn by all visitors. Buttons or closures should be fastened to the degree necessary to maintain modesty. All clothing must be clean and in good repair; free of holes, rips, or tears. Undergarments must be worn, to include briefs and brassieres for females, and briefs, boxers, or long underwear for males. Examples of inappropriate clothing include:

- Clothing that might expose undergarments, cleavage, stomach/midriff, bare back when arms are raised, or bare chest.
- Tight fitting clothing
- Low cut tops or bottoms
- Clothing that is sheer, see through, or mesh (other than hosiery)
- Fish net stockings
- Camisole type/halter or tank tops, even if worn under other clothing
- Camouflage, bibbed attire, cargo or painter pants, or any clothing that might be considered difficult to search (e.g., excessive pockets, padding, or layering of one outer garment over another)
- Clothing referring to obscenity, alcohol, drugs, gang references, or sex in any form
- Wraparound clothing with full length openings
- Shorts, including culottes and cutoffs

Dresses, skirts, and slits in clothing must not fall more than 3 inches above the knee.

Visitors may be prohibited from bringing hooded or heavy, parka style coats into the visit room.

Footwear

- Shoes, sandals, and boots must be in good repair. Flip flops, slippers, and quilted or fur lined snow boots will not be allowed.

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Accessories

- Jewelry that hides other items (e.g., broaches, locketts, pins) or jewelry that looks like a key is not allowed.
- The following items are permitted:
 - Four pieces of jewelry in piercings (e.g., one nose, one lip, 2 ears, or the combination of 4 pieces of pierced jewelry).
 - One watch.
 - Wedding ring set and one ring.
 - Two necklaces.
 - Two bracelets.
- Two pairs of eyeglasses.
- Belts may be worn, excluding money belts or belts with compartments.
- Religious and medically necessary head coverings may be allowed with written verification.

COURTESY DURING VISITS

The Department intends to maintain visiting programs which help offenders preserve positive ties with family and friends. Cooperation by all participants is encouraged. The following visit room guidelines will help to ensure that visits are a pleasant experience for all participants:

- A brief hug and kiss (i.e., 4-5 seconds in length) are permitted at the beginning and conclusion of visits.
- During the visit, the only physical contact allowed between offenders and adult visitors is holding hands with hands in plain view on or above the table top. As visiting areas are family friendly environments, caressing of any kind will not be allowed.
- Conversations should remain quiet, without harsh language or swearing, encouraging pleasant and caring family interaction.
- Visit areas are provided for all visitors. Please use furnishings for their intended use.
- Because time is limited, the focus and interaction must remain between the offender and his/her own visitors and family. Speaking to other visitors or offenders will not be permitted.
- During visitation, money may be used for purchases from vending machines by both offenders and visitors, depending on the facility.

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- Visitors are reminded to take all unspent money with them when they leave.
- Children must be under direct supervision and within sight of the visiting parent or guardian at all times, including children using the restroom. Offenders may supervise their visiting children while the adult visitor uses the restroom. Roughhousing and horseplay will be stopped immediately by the visiting parent.
- Verbal corrections and time-outs are the only allowable forms of discipline during visits.
- For safety and proper identification, offenders will wear their identification at all times.
- Showing affection, holding, and playing with visiting children promotes positive family interaction. Please remember to be considerate of other visitors and your public surroundings.
- Grooming of children's hair not may be done in dining areas.
- When changing children's soiled garments, please use the provided changing areas.
- Visits may become emotional at times. Should this happen, staff will check in with you and is available to assist as necessary.
- Please put away all items used during visits (i.e., games, toys, books). Please throw trash and recyclables in provided containers at the end of your visit.

Suggestion/Comment forms are available in the lobby of AVCC.

Enjoy your visit.