MAIL TO/FROM INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- Not specifically authorized by DOC 450.110 Mail for Individuals in Work/Training Release or other Department policy, and/or local facility rules.
- Attempts to establish contact with a person or guardian who has requested not to be contacted by the individual, when the individual is aware or should be aware of the request.
- Violates sentencing conditions and/or court order or otherwise attempts to establish prohibited contact between the sender and recipient.
- Contains an unknown substance(s) or contraband, or relates to sending contraband into or out of the facility.
- Contains items written or drawn in crayon or gel pen, or contains or has been treated with perfume, glitter, and/or other items that could be easily misidentified.
- Contains escape plans and/or other information related to escape.
- Provides technical/detailed information on security systems, equipment, and practices used in the correctional field.
- Contains plans for activity that violates state/federal law, the Washington Administrative Code, Department policy, and/or local facility rules.
- Contains instructional and/or “how to” material for committing illegal activities.
- Depicts or describes the procedures for constructing or using weapons, ammunition, bombs, and/or other destructive devices, or includes life sized photograph(s)/graphic illustration(s) of these items.
- Provides instructions on martial arts, fighting/self-defense techniques, and/or how to disable/disarm others.
- Appears to be in code.
- Contains content in multiple languages.
- Contains written/graphic information on security equipment/operations or facility blueprints/diagrams.
- Contains detailed maps/charts of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and/or British Columbia.
- Contains information that could create a risk of physical harm to any person if the communication were allowed.
- Contains sexually explicit material as defined in the Department Policy Glossary and/or references sexually explicit behavior. May include altered images, strategically placed graphics, or airbrushing. Sexually explicit behavior must be the predominant theme when rejecting written and/or audio based publications or letters.
- The publication(s) is not in English, with the exception of authorized religious books. May include dictionaries or glossaries translating words from the language to English.
- Advocates violence against others and/or the overthrow of authority.
- Advocates that a protected class or group of individuals is inferior and/or makes such class/group the object of ridicule and/or scorn, and may reasonably be thought to precipitate a violent confrontation between the recipient and a member(s) of the target group.
- Contains publications or documents, other than legal mail sent from a legal entity/agency, that have been altered (e.g., pages torn/removed, extraneous markings).
- Purports to be legal/special mail, but upon inspection is determined to be general correspondence.
- Contains cash or personal check(s).
- Contains markings of gang symbols or symbols of other unauthorized groups that may reasonably be thought to precipitate violence.
- Contains multiple or similar copies/photocopies of the same photograph, document, and/or publication/subscription, in whole or part.
- Contains correspondence, information, or other items relating to another incarcerated individual(s) without prior approval from the Community Corrections Supervisor (CCS/designee), or attempts or conveys unauthorized correspondence between incarcerated individuals.
- Contains a blank greeting card or postcard.
- Contains a photograph, card, poster, and/or calendar that is padded, laminated/layered, musical, and/or exceeds storage limits.
- Contains an unauthorized cassette tape(s) and/or CD(s), including public disclosure CDs, unless authorized by the CCS/designee.
- Contains clipping(s)/copies of copyrighted material.
- Solicits money or anything of value from anyone other than the individual’s immediate family member without prior approval from the CCS/designee. This does not prohibit authorized purchases through approved vendors.
- Requests/directs another person to provide money or anything of value to a third party without prior approval from the CCS/designee.
- Contains a metal and/or inflexible binder.
- Contains any display of drugs/alcohol or related paraphernalia, weapons, graphics or paraphernalia associated with any Security Threat Group, or unlawful activity.
- Contains sweepstakes, contests, lottery tickets, or other mailings soliciting or offering games of chance. Publications that contain a sweepstakes or contest entry will not be restricted. Individuals are not authorized to enter sweepstakes or contests of any kind.
- Other:

The individual is responsible for making arrangements to return the item(s) or provide disposal instructions. If the individual is without funds, refuses to pay the required postage, or refuses to designate an individual to receive the property, the item(s) will be donated to a charitable organization or destroyed per WAC 137-36.

Requests to appeal the mail rejection decision may be submitted in writing to the CCS/designee within 10 days of the initial decision. The CCS will automatically review rejected outgoing correspondence. Requests to appeal the CCS/designee’s decision may be submitted in writing to the Work/Training Release Administrator within 10 days of the decision. Individuals will notify their case manager of the appeal to ensure the rejected item(s) is secured until the appeal process is completed.

Distribution: ORIGINAL - Incarcerated individual COPY - Sender, Case manager

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