

ATTENTION

The Ice Cream program has been discontinued. If you have tickets you can use them to purchase coffee. The Coffee Program will not be affected at this time.

The Photo Program is on hold until a new Photographer is hired.

Any applications should be sent to IWP Kennedy



Process for Transport Property

AIC Newsletter Notification

To help mitigate Adult in Custody (AIC) property from being damaged during transport and to aid in the reduction of property statewide, the Department of Corrections is making a shift in how AIC property will be transported. Starting the second week of March, transport property will be placed into large black duffle bags with both incoming and outgoing transports.

AICs property will not exceed two duffle bags. If there is property that exceeds that amount AICs will be given the option to have the property mailed out using parcels/boxes with a CD-28 or they can choose to have their property hot trashed.

The process change corresponds with OAR 291-117-0070 (Inmate Property). The AIC population is encouraged to think ahead if they have surplus property and to decrease it through proper channels.

Oregon Corrections Enterprises

Call Center Work Opportunity



The OCE Call Center provides AIC's with a unique opportunity to learn a marketable skill for when they return back to their communities. You'll learn valuable real-world skills that employers – like the companies that we call for – require in order to gain employment. You'll learn communication and sales skills, as well as learn how to use modern technology in a formal work environment.

Moreover, an AIC with 60 months left on his sentence can easily return home with \$8,000-\$10,000 in his pocket.

Apply by Application from your housing unit and send to IWP Kennedy.
Make sure to check that you meet the Call Center criteria.

To qualify you need to meet the following criteria:

- Need 4 months of clear conduct – (program compliant, attitude/behavior and work history are included in the criteria checks)
- Cannot have any ID theft or fraud charges (some over 10 years are considered based on severity)
- Cannot be in any programs that would conflict with the Call Center work schedule
- Call Center experience is desired but not required

Telephone agents start at 11 PRAS points + a Team Goal Award PRAS match (Double PRAS) You will also be eligible to receive an added bonus from the private company that you work for. The work schedule is Monday – Friday 7:20am to 3:40pm



POWDER RIVER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CONTACT MENTOR CORNER



- ❖ The Contact Mentor roster has been updated and available for viewing in the AIC Newsletter. If you are interested in participating in the program and working with a Mentor, please send a communication to Ms. Hoopes, Contact Mentor Program Manager.
- ❖ Would you like to know more about AIC Council or have an idea that would benefit the AIC community? Talk to a member of AIC Council! The next AIC Council meeting is scheduled for AUGUST 2026.
 - **Your current council members are as follows:**
 - **McGowan 1W 19**
 - **Easley 1E 12b**
 - **Barco 1 E 43**
 - **Lamberton 3 37**
 - **Pen 3 49**
 - **Toy 3 34**
 - **Hopper, Jason 3 02**

Accountability:

What does accountability mean to you? For some, accountability is keeping a commitment or being responsible; however, accountability goes beyond simply maintaining a job or keeping a calendar appointment. It's about recognizing the need to acknowledge your part in the decisions you make, your relationships with others, or even the way you view yourself. Accountability is accepting that for every choice YOU make, in that moment of decision, you also accept the OUTCOME—GOOD OR BAD. It's understanding that YOU are solely responsible for YOU. If you think about it, personal accountability is a very in-depth and philosophical concept. Sophocles, a Greek playwright, once said *"It is a painful thing to look at your own trouble and know that you yourself and no one else has made it."* Accountability allows you to own your story and see yourself with a more introspective look. It gives you the freedom to dig deep, self-reflect, and find new ways to grow, internally and externally, in a positive direction.



Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor

Oregon Department of Corrections
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Salem, OR 97302



Important Notice Regarding Name Change Requests

If you are considering a legal name change while in custody, please be aware that it will create challenges for you when you release. This could include:

- Not being able to release with a state-issued ID card
- Difficulty accessing public benefits (Social Security, student financial aid, etc.)
- Social Security will not allow you to change your name with them until you release and then you must apply in person to do so.
- Barriers to proving your identity for employment, education, or to get a passport
- Challenges documenting past education or classes if your transcripts and certificates are in a different name
- Time and expenses to work with different agencies to make sure your records match

Please consider these potential impacts carefully before submitting a name change request.

Melissa Nofziger
Legal Affairs Administrator
Oregon Department of Corrections

Kristina Rice
ODOC Ombuds
Office of Governor Tina Kotek

JOB OPENING!!!!

POSITION: GARDEN/GREENHOUSE

If you are in General Population, have 3+ months until release or AIP/A&D programs, and are interested in working in the garden here at Powder River, please send a job application to IWP Kennedy. Experience is a plus but not required.



Many non-consumable items purchased from canteen are required to be engraved with the AICs SID# when received. These items include, but are not limited to, cups, bowls, personal razors, and TVs. Beginning 7/17/2026, R&D will be engraving these items on Fridays. You will be required to bring any unengraved item that you own, along with the canteen receipt from when it was purchased to R&D to have it engraved. Also beginning 7/17/2026, new items that are received during canteen will be required to be engraved before leaving the dining hall. A complete list of items that are required to be engraved will be posted on the housing units.

Canteen items that are required to have your SID number engraved on:

Electronics:

Alarm Clock

Calculator

Electric Razors/Bear Trimmer

Headphones

MP3 or MP4 players

Radio

TVs

Walkman

Watch

General Items:

Bowls

Cups

Insulated mug

Pitchers

Tumblers

BIBLE STUDY

On the 1st Wednesday
Evening of the month, we
welcome you to a Bible
Study.

We will plan to take a verse by verse approach
to the study with group participation. It will run
from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

Please sign up if you wish to grow in your
christian life.

*Grande Ronde Mennonite
Church, Cove, Oregon*

NINTENDO SWITCH ORDER FORMS HAVE BEEN UPDATED

- Please be sure to use the most recent forms going forward. The date of 7-2026 can be found in the bottom right corner. Old forms will not be accepted.
- Costs have gone up on the console due to availability.
- Games being provided may be used due to high demand/ Nintendo has discontinued manufacturing.
- Please discard any old Nintendo switch forms from units.
- Updated forms are Console and Accessories order form 7-2026
- Repair Request order form 7-2026
- 1927 Game order form 7-2026

OSHA-10 CERTIFICATION COURSE

AICs MUST HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO
COMPLETE THE COURSE 10-20 HOURS

CLASS IS \$59.00 PER AIC ONLY
CHARGED IF NOT COMPLETED

Keep Safe on the Job
In the US, a worker dies every 96 minutes from a work-related accident and 2.8 million workers are injured annually.* Being aware of your rights and having a good understanding of workplace hazards can help you protect yourself while at work.
*Bureau of Labor Statistics (2022)

Industry-Specific
CareerSafe's OSHA 10-Hour General Industry course is one of a kind as it offers variants that are tailored to specific career pathways, providing more relevant and customized training. Options offered are Agriculture, Healthcare, Cosmetology, Automotive, Manufacturing, Culinary, Veterinary, and Public Safety.

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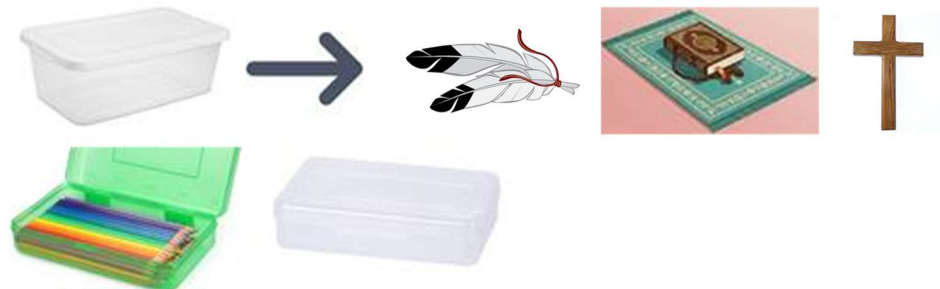
AIC Handbook. Section E. Bed Area.

10. The only articles permitted on the floor under your bed are shoes, 1 pitcher (bought off canteen), 1 (one) authorized legal box containing only legal material, 1 TV box, and authorized medical items. Any accidental liquid spills will immediately be cleaned by the owner. These items will be neatly kept and any damages to these items or any other damage caused by these items is the fault and responsibility of the owner. Guitars and guitar cases must be stored at the head of the bed if you are on a top bunk or under the bed if you are on a bottom bunk.

AICs are allowed 1 Legal Box under their bed and not to be stored in their locker. There are only legal materials allowed in the Legal Box. We will allow more Legal Boxes if the AIC sends a request to the Security Manager asking permission to have additional legal boxes due to active legal cases.



AICs will **not** be able store the smaller storage boxes and religious boxes under their bunk but they can store them in lockers. Only religious items will be stored in the small religious tote/box as specified on the canteen sheet.



Shoes boxes are no longer allowed.



7th-day Adventist church service,
Saturday's 7:30am-900am,
Prayer and Praise, Bible Study, Primary
Focus; Salvation by Grace and Daily living in
Christ.
All are Welcome.

**Using Kytes, Grievances, or any other
DOC forms for anything but their
intended purpose will result in
progressive discipline**

Until further notice, the guitar loaner program will not be adding new AIC's. If you are currently participating and are on a call out, you are approved to participate.

Thank You

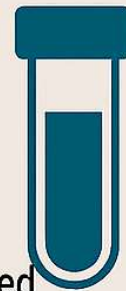
TRANSITION FROM PPD SKIN TEST TO T- SPOT BLOOD TEST

Effective immediately, tuberculosis (TB) screening for all adults in custody will transition from the traditional PPD (tuberculin skin test) to the T-SPOT blood test.

This change is being implemented to improve accuracy, consistency, and efficiency of the TB screening process. The T-SPOT test requires only a single blood draw and eliminates the need for follow-up visits to read skin test result.

KEY POINTS

- The T-SPOT blood test will replace the PPD skin test for all routine and intake TB screenings.
- Scheduled screenings will continue as planned using the updated testing method.
- Staff will provide instructions and support throughout the transition to ensure minimal disruption.



If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Health Services.

Thank you for your cooperation as we implement this improvement within our facility.

Yoga for Everybody

Come join our Yoga community! Two classes are offered:

Thursday: 6:30pm – 7:30pm Deep stretching (yin) class

Saturday: 9:00am – 10:15am Gentle flow class

Yoga is a mindful practice of self-awareness. Yoga can help calm the mind and reduce stress. The physical practice builds strength and improves flexibility. Come try out one or both classes. Please submit a kyte addressed to Ms. Hoopes. We look forward to seeing you. No previous Yoga experience required

Laura Donahue - Yoga teacher

Magazine and Book Reviews by Mailrooms

Books and magazines that come through ODOC's mailrooms are each reviewed individually to determine if they meet the standards set forth in ODOC's mail rule, which can be found at OAR Chapter 291, Division 131 "MAIL (AIC)".

Under OAR 291-131-0037 8(b), "Vendors that repeatedly send prohibited content to adults in custody after multiple violation notices informing them of mail rule standards may be restricted."

Currently, there are no magazine vendors prohibited based on this criterion. What this means is you can subscribe to any magazine you'd like, but each issue of the magazine will be reviewed as it arrives at the facility. If mailroom staff determine that a specific magazine issue violates the rule, it is marked in the system as "provisionally rejected" with the suspected violation noted for review by the mail rule central administrator. When magazine issues or books are provisionally rejected, they are held at each facility mailroom until the next steps of the review are taken. The central administrator will then either confirm the rejection or will disagree and the magazine issue will not be rejected. This is why a magazine issue may be ok one month, then the next issue rejected the next month.

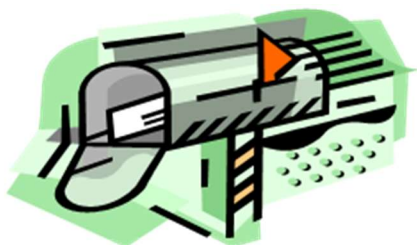
There is an appeal process for these magazine issues or books that are provisionally rejected by the mailroom staff and confirmed for rejection by the central administrator. As written in the CD618A "Mail Violation Notice" the appeal is sent to **the Functional Unit Manager at the facility where the violation notice was written**. This is the Superintendent at the facility, who likely has a designee responsible for mail. The Functional Unit Manager has the latitude to

review the material and determine if they want to allow a magazine issue or book that violates the rule into *the facility they are responsible for*.

ODOC recently made changes to the mail rule to help mitigate the smuggling of drugs into facilities. ***The rules regarding pictorial or written content did not change, they are the same.***

Note: Magazines change over time. Every new editor may result in differences in the magazine content. When attempts are made to "find the line" of what's ok and what's not, when boundaries are pushed to find where that line is, eventually the line is crossed. There are some magazines which previously had content that did not cross the line, but lately they have pushed across the line with what they write or the pictures they print. When that happens, more individual issues of that magazine end up being rejected. People may assume the entire magazine publication is banned when it is not.

As a customer or potential customer of a magazine, you must determine if you want to spend money on magazines that seem to be rejected regularly.



AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31 A&O Class	1
2	3 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	4	5	6 PRAS Payday Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	7 A&O Class	8
9 Pastry Forms Deadline	10 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	11	12	13 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	14 A&O Class	15
16	17 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	18	19	20 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	21 A&O Class	22
23	24 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	25	26	27 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	28 A&O Class	29
30	31 Pastry Delivery Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	1	2	3 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	4 A&O Class	5

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	1	2	3 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	4 A&O Class	5 Bingo
6	7 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	8	9	10 PRAS Payday Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	11 A&O Class	12
13 Chicken Feed Forms Deadline	14 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	15	16	17 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	18 A&O Class	19
20	21 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	22	23	24 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	25 A&O Class	26
27	28 Turn in CD-28's for Tickets by 9pm	29	30	1 Coffee, Photo & Activity Tickets	2 A&O Class	3

IWP Position



NEW HOPE – POWDER PALS PROGRAM

Interested AICs are welcome to apply

New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals (New Hope – Powder Pals) partnered with the Powder River Correctional Facility, Oregon Department of Corrections, since early 2011. A key focus of this work has been the ability to provide meaningful work for AIC's in training homeless dogs. More specifically, the program assists homeless dogs lacking obedience skills and behavioral issues that limit the animal's ability to be re-homed successfully. New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals is a Private Non-Profit whose purpose is to improve the lives of animals through kindness, understanding and respect. Their purpose is to rescue and rehabilitate animals in Eastern Oregon, increase awareness of animal well-being through education, and encourage a caring and safe environment for animals. Work duties will include are but not limited to the following:

- Always follow the training program. Failure to follow the program will result in immediate removal from the program and may result in disciplinary action.
- Conduct or assist with scheduled training sessions.
- Conduct or assist with socialization of the animals.
- Follow the schedule of activities for the animals.
- Exercise animals daily.
- Keep a daily log of the animal's progress in the program.
- Feeding and watering following recommended daily amounts.
- Remove solid waste from kennel areas (inside and outside), and any other area as needed using approved Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Clean kennel area (inside and outside) using appropriate chemicals and PPE.
- Must be willing to work in a variety of weather conditions.

Qualifications for opportunity to apply:

1. In compliance with DOC Case Plan
2. No major misconduct reports within the last 6 months
3. Minimum of 6-8 months remaining on sentence
4. No history of animal neglect or abuse
5. Willingness to work as a team, open to new training ideas, willingness to make a difference to an animal.
6. Be motivated for change and have a good attitude.
7. Must be able to lift 50 lbs.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE SEND AN APPLICATION FORM TO THE IWP COORDINATOR MR. KENNEDY

Powder River Correctional Facility

Contact Mentor List

PRCF Contact Mentor Program Contact Information: If you have questions regarding the Contact Mentor Program or the Oregon Way, or if you would like to participate in the program and be assigned to a mentor, please feel free to send an AIC Communication to Ms. Hoopes.

Security		New Directions Northwest
Lt. Robbins		
Lt. Gray		
Sgt. Crawford		
Sgt. Erickson		
Officer Bauman		
Officer Chavez		Administration
Officer Easterday		
Officer Endersby		Mr. Folden—Physical Plant Manager
Officer Gonzalez		Mr. Thomas—Physical Plant
Officer Herrick		Ms. DeVore--Administration
Officer Hill		Ms. Geddes—Correctional Rehabilitation Mgr.
Officer Hollingsworth		Ms. Hoopes—Correctional Counselor
Officer Kisor		
Officer Leal		
Officer Lefever		
Officer Lopez		
Officer Spriet, S		
Officer Thompson		
Officer Willmarth		



Informational Briefing

Adult in Custody (AIC) Trust Accounts

General Spending Account	• Primary spending account for AICs • Eligible deposits are received into this account ◦ <i>Examples: Deposits received from friends/family, and PRAS</i> • AICs use the Request for Withdrawal of Funds form (CD28) to facilitate financial transactions from the General Spending Trust Account • Funds in this account are not protected from debt/obligation collection or garnishment
Protected Spending Reserve Account	• This is a spending account established for AICs who receive protected money ◦ <i>Examples: disability benefits for veterans, moneys received from Native American or tribal government, railroad retirement benefits, OCE Prison Industry Enhancement (PIE) Awards</i> • AICs use the green Request for Withdrawal of Funds from Protected Reserve form (CD28P) to facilitate financial transactions from the Protected Reserve Trust Account • Funds in the Protected Reserve Trust Account are protected from debt/obligation collection or garnishment
Transitional Savings Account	• Established per SB844/ORS 423.105 as a means for AICs to save funds for release from ODOC custody • 5% of each eligible deposit is received into the AICs Transitional Savings Trust Account until the account reaches \$500 • AICs may elect to transfer funds into this account by submitting a transfer request form (CD1832, <i>available electronically and in paper</i>) up to \$500 • AICs may continue a 5% deduction of their eligible deposits beyond \$500 if court-ordered financial obligations (COFOs) are satisfied • Funds in the Transitional Savings Trust Account are protected from debt/obligation collection or garnishment, but this is not the same thing as the Protected Spending Reserve Account
General Savings Account	• Established as a means for AICs to save funds outside of the Transitional Savings Trust Account • AICs may elect to transfer funds into the General Savings Trust Account by submitting a transfer request form (CF1832, <i>available electronically and in paper</i>) • Funds in this account are not available until the AIC releases from ODOC custody; an exception may be granted by the CFO or designee per OAR 291 Div. 158 • Funds in the General Savings Trust Account are not protected from debt/obligation collection or garnishment
Obligated Reserve Accounts	• Medical, Optical, Dental, Trip, Education, Religious, and Programming are accounts AICs use when there is a need to reserve funds for a good or service that meets specific criteria • AICs may receive deposits directly to one of these accounts from an external source • AICs must be approved to place funds into an Obligated Reserve Account • Funds in Obligated Reserve Accounts are deemed spent and therefore are not subject to debt/obligation collection or garnishment

Questions?

AICs may submit an AIC Communication form to Business Services (electronic communication option preferred & available on the tablet). Friends and Family may submit questions to dldoctrustinfo@doc.state.or.us.



Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA Information)

The Oregon Department of Corrections (ODOC) has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse, sexual harassment and for retaliation for reporting an incident. You may report in person to any staff, through an AIC communication, through the grievance system, by calling the PREA hotline by making a language selection, then dialing 91 from any AIC phone.

Filing an Anonymous PREA Report

If you are uneasy about filing a PREA allegation, you may file an anonymous report with an outside agency. You may write to: Governor's Constituent Services Office 900 Court Street NE, Suite 254 Salem, Oregon 97301

Please indicate in the beginning of your letter you are filing a PREA allegation, and you are requesting to remain anonymous. The Governor's Office will refer all anonymous allegations to the DOC PREA Coordinator to assure an investigation is completed based off the information that is provided.

Opposite Gender Viewing/Announcements

Opposite gender staff announcement themselves when entering a housing unit by ringing a bell. This must be done any time the status quo of the gender supervision on a housing unit changes (if there is already an opposite gender staff on the unit then there is not needed to re-announce). When you hear the doorbell, opposite gender staff will be entering the housing unit so please make sure you are covered up appropriately.

It is also important you undress in the appropriate locations. If you are in a bunk area, there are cameras throughout the facility so the designated changing/bathroom areas are the only areas you should be without undergarments. Opposite gender viewing may happen incidentally when staff are conducting routine cell checks. You can minimize this by keeping aware of the gender of supervision in your housing unit and ensuring you cover up when possible.

Community-Based PREA Advocacy (Support) Program

ODOC has partnered with community based, confidential advocates of sexual abuse victims to provide services to AICs. AICs at ODOC who have experienced sexual abuse may reach a community-based advocate by making a language selection, entering your AIC PIN, then press 0*711 AIC telephone systems, or may request a private call through the PREA Compliance Manager at the facility. Advocates provide victims of sexual abuse information about their options, resources,

information, and emotional support. There is no charge for calls to advocates.

The community-based advocacy crisis line is for individuals needing assistance coping with sexual abuse related issues and should not be used for other purposes.

Telephone calls and mail with community-based advocacy centers is considered privileged communication and will be handled like legal calls/official mail. All advocacy calls are not monitored or recorded.

Advocates provide confidential support and crisis intervention, inform you about the investigation and medical examination process, educate you about healing from sexual abuse and offer resources and referrals.

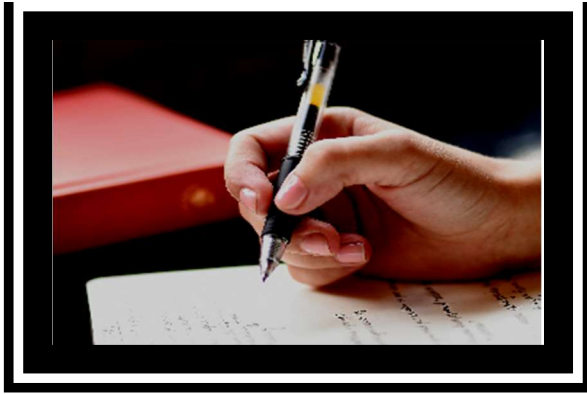
Advocates will not tell you what to do, communicate with the institution unless you request them to do so and sign a release and will not provide legal advice.

Community-based advocacy centers provide sexual abuse support to people of all genders. Community-based advocates will not report unless you request them to do so and if you sign a release of information.

Just Detention International Headquarters is a national advocacy resource and can be reached at: 3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340 Los Angeles, CA 90010

If you have any other questions regarding PREA, you may ask any staff member, write the PREA Compliance Manager at your institution, or you may write:

Ericka Sage PREA Coordinator Oregon Department of Corrections 3723 Fairview Industrial Drive, SE Salem, OR 97302



VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS

RESPONSIBILITY

LETTER BANK

The Responsibility Letter Bank is a structured letter writing process that provides adults in custody (AIC) with the opportunity to demonstrate responsibility for their crimes and express remorse for the harm they may have caused.

The program provides crime victims/survivors with the choice to receive information in a safe manner.

- ◆ AIC's may initiate the process by applying to participate in the program
- ◆ Crime victims/survivors may inquire with Victim Services to find if they have a letter available for them
- ◆ Victims are not contacted about the availability of a letter if they have not registered with the Bank through Victim Services
- ◆ Victims decide whether or not they wish to receive a responsibility letter and whether or not the AIC is informed that the victim received or read the letter
- ◆ Participation does not constitute permission for the AIC to make additional contact
- ◆ Victims may choose to respond to a responsibility letter through the program, however, further correspondence requires the approval to participate in the FDP
- ◆ Letters will be reviewed by the Victim Services Program for appropriateness
- ◆ Accepted AIC letters will be deposited in the Responsibility Letter Bank maintained by Victim Services
- ◆ Letters are voluntary and will not affect an AICs good time, release date, or post-prison conditions

To request additional information about the Responsibility Letter Bank, please contact Victim Services at:

DOC Headquarters

Victim Services- Responsibility Letter Bank

3723 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Suite 200

Salem, OR 97302-4975

U.S Postal Service recommends new prices for July

WASHINGTON, DC- The U.S. Postal Service today filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of mailing services price changes to take effect on July 12. The new rates include a 4-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 78 cents to 82 cents.

The proposed adjustments, approved by the governors of the Postal Service, would raise mailing services product prices approximately 4.8 percent. If favorably reviewed by the Commission, the price changes would include:

Product	Current prices	Planned prices
Letters (1 ounce)	78 cents	82 cents
Letters (metered 1 ounce)	74 cents	78 cents
Domestic postcards	61 cents	65 cents
International postcards	\$1.70,	\$1.75
International letter (1 ounce)	\$1.70	\$1.75

The additional-ounce price for single-piece letters will remain at 29 cents. The Postal Service is also seeking price adjustments for other First-Class Mail products, Periodicals, USPS Marketing Mail, Package Services and selected Special Services products.

In the midst of the severe financial crisis facing the Postal Service and continued rising operational costs, the Postal Service is using all available tools, including available regulatory pricing authority, to ensure we can continue to fulfill our universal service obligation and serve the American public. The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. Notwithstanding the adjustment, the Postal Service's mailing prices remain among the most affordable in the world.

From the Administrative Rules Program:

Below is the list of status changes made to DOC administrative rules since 6/26/2026.

PROPOSED RULES:

291-171 Grievance Review System (Community Corrections)

- Amends rule to modernize terminology, clean up language, remove gendered terms, align procedures with current practice, and revise or eliminate outdated definitions. A key amendment also clarifies that “psychotropic medication” includes required lab monitoring, such as periodic blood tests.
- **Comment Period:** Comments must be received by the Rules Office before 12:00PM (noon) on 9/18/2026.

PERMANENT RULES:

291-048 Mental Health Special Housing

- Amends rule to clarify or improve consistency, remove gendered language, update and align definitions and processes with current therapeutic and operational practices, replace “inmate” with “adult in custody,” and adopt a new rule establishing programming levels for Behavioral Health Units.
- **Effective:** 8/1/26

291-082 Assessment, Assignment, and Supervision of AICs for Work Assignments and Unfenced Minimum Housing

- Amends rule to update eligibility criteria for outside-the-perimeter work and lower-security housing, revise the definition of escape, and update and clarify classification criteria, terminology, and processes, along with general clean-up edits and removal of duplicative materials.
- **Effective:** 8/1/26

291-104 Classification

- Amends rule to update eligibility criteria for outside-the-perimeter work, revise the definition of escape and related custody thresholds, remove obsolete ICE-related overrides, and update classification criteria, terminology, and definitions. Also clarify the Classification Manager’s role and refine key custody-classification processes.
- **Effective:** 8/1/26

Starting August 15th, the Wii Game System and games will be removed from Multi-Purpose Building and placed into Unit 3 as an incentive. If you have game tickets please utilize them before the 15th as they will no longer be valid. Game tickets will no longer be sold afterwards.



Thank you,
Lt. Robbins