

## Mail FAQ's

Q-I've heard that incoming and outgoing mail is censored. Why?

**A-Outgoing inmate mail is not opened or read except in the most unusual circumstances. For the safety of all concerned, incoming mail is opened and inspected for contraband. However, this mail is also not read except in very unusual circumstances, and then with prior notice to the inmate.**

Q-What is "contraband"?

**A-The inmate receives a list of acceptable items that can be mailed into the Correctional Facility. Any item not on that list is contraband and not acceptable. It will be returned to the sender at the inmate's expense. The most common items refused are uncanceled postage stamps, either loose or on envelopes, and books not mailed from the publisher or bookstore.**

Q-My inmate friend asked me to send some money. Why?

**A-Inmates can purchase needed items through the Commissary, using funds deposited in their commissary account. Commissary items include stationery supplies, postage, toiletries, and snack items. The best way to send funds is through a money order.**