
Recognized Rights

700.1 GENERAL

All staff will endeavor to ensure that each inmate is afforded all legal and recognized rights. Some of the recognized rights are as follows:

- Clean and orderly surroundings.
- Adequate toilet, bathing, and access to laundry service.
- Adequate lighting and ventilation.
- Compliance with state and local fire/safety laws and regulations.
- A wholesome, properly prepared and nutritionally adequate diet.
- Basic medical and dental services.
- Equal access to the all programs, services and activities the inmate is eligible for in accordance with Title II (Americans with Disabilities Act).
- Access to recreational activity and equipment.
- Reasonable access to clergy and religious services consistent with security needs of this institution.
- Reasonable and fair visitation rights consistent with law and good security control.
- Mail privileges as provided by Title 15, delivered in a timely and reasonable manner.
- Reasonable access to attorneys, including the public defender, and such other rights to participate in their own defense as the courts may allow.
- Reasonable access to legal material.
- Freedom from discrimination based on race, religion, national origin, sex, age, handicap, or political belief.
- Protection from personal abuse, corporal punishment, personal injury, disease, property damage, and harassment.
- The availability of a written grievance procedure that includes at least one level of appeal.

Such other legal rights as may now exist or later be created by law.

All inmates shall, to the extent reasonably possible, be afforded the following:

A dignified conversational form of address. All inmates will be addressed by name and other than a derogatory manner.

Input into the classification process.

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Personal grooming choices consistent with good discipline practices, safety, security, hygiene, and identification needs.

Freedom from the use of unnecessary force, embarrassment, or indignity during searches and other related security activity. Legal concepts of reasonable force and lawful search and seizure will apply.

Certain inmates have the right to participate in local, state and federal elections. Staff shall assist in this regard by advising inmates, when requested, that they may request a mail-in registration form and/or an absentee ballot from the Shasta County Election Department.