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OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMPILATION
CHAPTER 291. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
DIVISION 143. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES (INMATE)
PROCEDURES

Current through September 15, 2001

291-143-0080 Religious Activities

- (1) Inmates should have the opportunity for reasonable access to religious activities which include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (a) Regular religious services and ceremonies;
 - (b) Special ceremonies, holiday services, and/or sacraments;
 - (c) Individual and group pastoral counseling (in native language where possible);
 - (d) Inmate religious/spiritual group meetings; and
 - (e) Religious moral instruction.
- (2) Dietary accommodations will be made within the context of the Food Services cyclical menu to satisfy requirements of an inmate's religion.
- (3) An inmate whose religious expression includes odor or smoking producing substances (e.g., tobacco, sage, sweet grass, and incense) may be authorized to burn small amounts of these substances as part of an approved religious activity and in a manner consistent with facility security, safety, health and order.
- (4) Inmates Assigned to Special Housing: An inmate assigned to special housing may be authorized to participate in an approved religious activity and in a manner consistent with facility security, safety, health and order. An inmate assigned to special housing shall not be permitted to participate in group religious activities with other inmates.
- (5) Visual Expression:
 - (a) An inmate may be authorized to visibly express his/her religious customs and beliefs in appropriate ways consistent with facility security, safety, health and order, including:
 - (A) Participating in individual and group religious activities;
 - (B) Observing religious requirements relating to head and/or facial hair consistent with the Department's rule on Hygiene and Grooming (Inmate); and
 - (C) Wearing or carrying a religious emblem, medal, medallion or other religious item (e.g., medicine pouch, religious medal, rosary, prayer feather).
 - (b) Inmates Assigned to Special Housing: An inmate assigned to special housing, except Administrative Segregation and Death Row, shall not be permitted to wear a religious emblem, medal, medallion or other religious item around his/her neck, but may possess such in his/her special housing cell.
- (6) Each Department of Corrections facility will post a current schedule of religious

activities available in the facility. The schedule will be posted in designated religious activities area(s) and other appropriate areas readily accessible to inmates.

(7) Inmate Requests to Participate in Religious Activity:

(a) Religious Activity Currently Available in the Facility: An inmate desiring to participate in a religious activity that is currently available in the facility where he/she is confined may obtain information on the scheduled activity, and how to participate in it, by submitting his/her request to the facility chaplain or designee using an Inmate Communication form (CD 214) ("kite").

(b) Religious Activity Not Current Available in the Facility: An inmate desiring to participate in a religious activity not currently available in the facility where he/she is confined may request to do so by submitting to the facility chaplain or designee a completed Inmate Communication form (CD 214) ("kite") with the following information:

(A) The name of the religion;

(B) The title of religious activity requested;

(C) A brief description of the religious activity including:

(i) The significance of the activity in the practice of the religion;

(ii) How often or under what circumstances the religious activity would be held if it were taking place within the community;

(iii) Minimum time and any physical requirements within which the religious activity may take place, including those of any defined segments of the activity;

(iv) Any materials which are required for the religious activity and their purpose or use, including a list of any items associated with the religious activity which the inmate would retain in his/her personal possession, if any; and

(v) The title (if any), function, and eligibility requirements for participants in the activity.

(c) Any additional information necessary to an understanding of the nature or function of the religious activity; and

(d) The name, address and phone number of a recognized religious representative of the religion who can authoritatively verify the above information.

[ED. NOTE: The form(s) referenced in this rule is not printed in the OAR Compilation. Copies are available from the agency.]

Stat. Auth.: [ORS 179.040](#), [ORS 423.020](#), [ORS 423.030](#) & [ORS 423.075](#)

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