



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5120:1-8-06 Communication.

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(A) (Important) There shall be no limitation on the amount of incoming or outgoing mail or correspondence via the postal service when the inmate is responsible for the costs of postage.

(B) (Important) Incoming inmate mail, correspondence and packages shall be opened and inspected to intercept contraband or non permitted items. Outgoing mail may be inspected or opened at the discretion of the jail administrator or designee. The jail shall document procedures for the appropriate disposition of intercepted items.

(C) (Important) Legal mail or correspondence shall be opened and inspected in the presence of the inmate to intercept contraband. The jail shall document procedures for the appropriate disposition of intercepted items.

(D) (Important) Mail, correspondence and packages shall only be withheld, read or rejected based on legitimate jail interests of order and security and is justified and approved by the jail administrator or designee in writing. The inmate shall be notified if mail is withheld or rejected.

(E) (Important) If a jail offers email service to inmates in accordance with division (C)(1) of section 341.42 of Revised Code, the incoming and outgoing emails shall be subject to review for security reasons.

(F) (Important) Indigent inmates shall receive writing materials, envelopes and postage for two letters per week.

(G) (Important) Inmates shall have access to inmate telephone services.

(H) (Important) Inmates shall have access to legal counsel of record including telephone contact, written communication, and confidential visits.



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