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BOARD OF CORRECTION IDAPA RULE NUMBER 403

Inmate Religious Practices

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Idaho Board of Correction that the Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC) and its contractors establishes and maintains procedures that will allow inmates the opportunity to practice the tenets of their respective faiths, including allowing access to religious publications, representatives of their faiths, and religious counseling, so long as these religious practices and access to publications, representatives, and counseling do not conflict with compelling government interest. If a compelling government interest exists that justifies restricting the offender's religious practice, the IDOC will use the least restrictive means possible as determined by IDOC officials in accordance with policy, standard operating procedure (SOP), and good correctional practice.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to communicate the Board's philosophy regarding offender's access to religious activities.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all procedures created under the authority of this policy and to IDOC staff members who are responsible for the supervision of offenders committed to the IDOC.

RESPONSIBILITY

The director of the IDOC and division chiefs are responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and the development and implementation of an SOP that provides guidance to facility heads for managing offender access to religious activities.

At a minimum, the SOP must provide guidance on the use of and/or access to religious volunteers, religious diets, religious literature, religious services and schedules, and approved religious group ceremonial items.

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