Inmate Personal Property
Chapter : F
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Current Revision Summary (if applicable):

The following change(s) are effective:

.0503 (a) (5) (B) One wedding band (no gemstone) for male inmates is allowed. If an inmate marries while incarcerated, a wedding band may be received by any method approved by the Facility Head.

.0503 (a) (5) (D) Female inmates are allowed to retain and/or received up to the maximum amount of jewelry items by any methods approved by the Facility Head:

Two (2) rings (includes wedding ring/s)
One (1) bracelet, not wider than 1 inch
One (1) necklace, not wider than ½ inch

* The bracelets and necklaces must be plain, free of pendants, charms or fixed gemstones.

Two (2) pair of earrings, no larger than 1 ¼ in circumference and no longer than 1 inch.

The wearing of jewelry on any part of the body other than the finger, earlobe, neck and wrist is not permitted.
.0503 (d) (13) shoes - inmates will be permitted to possess one (1) pair of state-issued work shoes (steel toe brogans), one pair of tennis shoes purchased from Division of Prisons canteens and one pair of shower shoes (flip-flops) purchased from the Division of Prisons canteens. Tennis shoes shall be requisitioned from D.O.C. Purchasing and Services and sold exclusively to inmates through the facility canteens. Work shoes for inmates on work release may be state-issued or purchased by the inmate. No shoe, whether purchased by the inmate or state-issued, can exceed the overall height of nine (9) inches from bottom of the heel to the top of the shoe. Heel height of any shoe cannot exceed one and a half (1 & 1/2”) inches. Inmates classified in Minimum Custody Level II and Level III participating in community based programs such as work release, study release, off-site community volunteer passes and home leaves will be allowed to possess up to 15 items of personal outer clothing and one (1) additional pair of personal shoes (example: dress shoes). Uniforms required for work release shall not be counted as part of the 15 authorized items. At no time will inmates be allowed to possess more than one pair each of tennis shoes, work boots or shower shoes.

.0503 (d) Inmates are normally restricted to possession of three standard transfer bags of personal property. When inmates accumulate in excess of three bags of personal property, they are required to mail out or dispose of property in accordance with Section F.0504 of this policy and the following statements: Inmates may be allowed to possess in excess of three bags of personal property based on medical equipment such as a special mattress or a breathing machine. Inmates involved in hobby craft activities may be permitted to retain one additional bag for approved hobby craft materials. They are also allowed to possess legal materials in excess of the three bag limit if the legal materials are relevant to pending matters before the courts. In these cases, efforts should be made to limit the inmate’s other personal property to essential hygiene items and religious materials/items in an effort to comply with the three bag limit. Questionable cases, regarding excess legal materials, should be referred to the Region Director who will consult with DOC legal staff. As stated in Section F.0503(b), if an inmate is not allowed to maintain possession of legal materials, they are to be stored at the facility. Inmates are to be given access to their materials if their request does not threaten security. An inmate being allowed to possess in excess of three bags of personal property will not be transported by special vehicle for that reason. This inmate may be transported on the transfer bus.

.0504(b)(2) items of personal property, such as clothing, or excess hobby craft materials, may be sold as surplus property, donated to a charitable organization, or retained by the Division of Prisons for the use of inmates in the prison.