

Federal Correctional Institution

Waseca, Minnesota

Inmate Mail Guidance

Information concerning many inmate issues can be found at BOP.gov, under the Inmate Matters section.

Here is some additional information on inmate mail. Inmates are not allowed to receive stamps, postage meter strips, or envelopes with pre-paid postage metering. Inmates are required to purchase all postage through the institution's Commissary. Inmates are allowed to send international correspondence, information from the U.S. Postal Service on international mailing costs is provided to the inmates. Inmate wishing to corresponded with immediate family members who are also incarcerated, must have prior approval from both facilities prior to corresponding. Sending or receipt of directly addressed unauthorized inmate to inmate correspondence or that sent through a third party can result in disciplinary action and restrictions of correspondence privileges. Inmates may receive up to 25 photos daily, no Polaroid or sexually explicit material. Inmates can receive standard sized greeting cards, must be non-musical. Inmates are not allowed to receive blank greeting cards or stationary; they again may purchase these through the institution's Commissary. Cards with stickers, foam decorations, or other items attached to the card could result in the card being returned, as proper inspection/searching of the card could cause excessive damage to the card due to the affix items. Inmates may also receive up to five magazines (no sexually explicit material) or paperback books per day. Paperback books sent in a package must have the contents clearly annotated on the outside of the box (IE... 5 paperback books enclosed in accordance with BOP policy), and only the books may be in the package. Books, magazines, and photos are the basic items which an inmate may receive from family and friends. Inmates may receive hard covered books (no padded covers, no enclosed CD/DVD) and/or newspapers only from a publisher, distributor, or book seller (IE... Amazon.com, Walden Books.com). Blank journals, diaries, address books, daily planners, card stock, construction paper, hobby craft materials or sketch books are not authorized for receipt. Inmates also cannot receive any food items, clothing or electronic media (CD, DVD, flash drives, etc...). If you have further questions, please contact our Correctional Systems Department, Mail Room, at 507-835-8972.