

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
ALLOWABLE PERSONAL RELIGIOUS ITEMS

Notes:

1. The maximum allowed value of any item (excluding religious journals, religious publications, including religious calendars, and religious audio CDs) is eighty dollars (\$80.00).
2. All items must be obtained through approved vendors only unless otherwise specified below or in an applicable policy.
3. Not included on the list, but still considered an allowable personal religious item, is any item that is available to all general population residents, e.g., body oils, Tarot cards.

Buddhism

Amulet (max. 2" on approved breakaway necklace only)

Devotional icon or statue (plastic, not metal or glass) (max. 3")

Devotional pictures - must fit in photo album and be within limit of photos allowed

Individual prayer rug (max. 4' x 6', approved design only - may not be used as a bed blanket, wall hanging or floor rug)

Mala bag (max. 2" x 4")

Prayer (Mala) beads (on approved breakaway string only)

Religious audio CDs

Religious journals

Religious publications, including religious calendar

Christianity

Cross or Crucifix (max. 2" on approved breakaway necklace only)

Devotional icon or statue (plastic, not metal or glass) (max. 3")

Devotional pictures - must fit in photo album and be within limit of photos allowed

Holy medal (max. 1")

Rosary beads (on approved breakaway string only)

Religious audio CDs

Religious journals

Religious publications, including religious calendar

Druidism

Pendant (max. 2" on approved breakaway necklace only)

Religious audio CDs

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Hinduism

Devotional statue (plastic, not metal or glass) (max. 3")

Devotional pictures - must fit in photo album and be within limit of photos allowed

Head scarf (female) - white, black, or beige only; may not obscure the resident's face; may be worn outside the cell or room

Individual prayer rug (max. 4' x 6', approved design only - may not be used as a bed blanket, wall hanging or floor rug)

Pendant (max. 2" on approved breakaway necklace only)

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Islam

Allah pendant (max. 2" on approved breakaway necklace only)
Head scarf (female) - white, black, or beige only; may not obscure the resident's face; may be worn outside the cell or room
Individual prayer rug - max. 4' x 6', approved design only, may not be used as a bed blanket, wall hanging or floor rug
Kufi (male) (in addition to Kufi made of cotton or similar lightweight material, may also have winter Kufi made of wool or similar heavyweight material) - white, black, or beige only; may not obscure the resident's face; may be worn outside the cell or room
Miswak toothbrush
Miswak toothpaste
Prayer beads (on approved breakaway string only)
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Jehovah's Witness

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Judaism

Kosher lamp (to be used between sunset and sunrise on the Sabbath and holy days only)
Phylacteries (to be worn in cell or room only)
Prayer shawl (approved size and design only, to be worn in cell or room only)
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Star of David (max. 2" on approved breakaway necklace only)
Tallis katan (small) - must be worn under clothing, may be worn outside the cell or room
Yarmulke - white, black, or beige only; may not obscure the resident's face; may be worn outside the cell or room

Latter Day Saints

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Nation of Islam

Allah pendant (max. 2" on approved breakaway necklace only)
Head scarf (female) - white, black, or beige only; may not obscure the resident's face; may be worn outside the cell or room
Individual prayer rug - max. 4' x 6', approved design only, may not be used as a bed blanket, wall hanging or floor rug
Kufi (male) (in addition to Kufi made of cotton or similar lightweight material, may also have winter Kufi made of wool or similar heavyweight material) - white, black, or beige only; may not obscure the resident's face; may be worn outside the cell or room
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Native American

Beads (on approved breakaway string only)
Dream catcher (max. 6" in diameter, approved design only – may be hung above the resident's head while sleeping)
Feather (if eagle feather, requires Federal Government documentation)
Medicine bag (max. 3" x 5" - with 2 small stones, fetish (small stone animal statue), a small piece of cedar, small amount of bundled sweet grass, pinch of Kinnikinnick (Native American sacred blend) .04 grams to .045 grams (must be obtained from chaplain, may not be smoked, used in smudging, chewed, or removed from the bag to be used for any other purpose), leaf or pinch of sage, lock of family member's hair, small piece of bear root and flag root) (may be worn around neck on approved breakaway necklace only)
Prayer blanket (max. 60" x 80", approved design only – may not be used as a bed blanket, wall hanging or floor rug)
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Odinism

Devotional icon or statue (plastic, not metal or glass) (max. 3")
Devotional pictures - must fit in photo album and be within limit of photos allowed
Mojo bag (max. 5" x 6") – with feather, small stone, small crystal, pendulum, medallion, prayer bead - may be worn around neck with approved breakaway necklace only
Odinist blanket (max. 60" x 80", approved design only – may not be used as a bed blanket, wall hanging or floor rug)
Prayer beads (on approved breakaway string only)
Rune cards
Rune casting cloth (max. 2" x 2" - white or black)
Set of runes (small stones)
Thor's Hammer (max. 2") (on approved breakaway necklace only)
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Pagan/Wicca

Altar cloth (2' x 2', approved design only - may not be used as a bed blanket, wall hanging or floor rug)
Choice of set of runes (small stones), or ogham sticks (max. 4" long)
Devotional icon or statue (plastic, not metal or glass) (max. 3")
Devotional pictures - must fit in photo album and be within limit of photos allowed
Mojo bag (max. 5" x 6"- with feather, small stone, small crystal, pendulum, medallion, prayer bead, 12" piece of breakaway string) (may be worn around neck with approved breakaway necklace only)
Pentagram (max. 2" on approved breakaway necklace only)
Prayer beads (on approved breakaway string only)
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Rastafari

Lion head pendant (max. 2" on approved breakaway necklace only)
Rastafarian crown (aka cap or tam) – close fitting to allow for coverage of hair; without a brim or artificial dreadlocks; white, black, or beige only; may not obscure the resident's face; may be worn outside the cell or room
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Santeria

Altar cloth (2' x 2', approved design only - may not be used as a bed blanket, wall hanging or floor rug)
Cowrie shells (max. 21, max 1" long)
Eleke beads (on approved breakaway string only)
Mojo bag (max. 5" x 6") - with 2 small otanes (stones) - may be worn around neck with approved breakaway necklace only
Orisha pictures - must fit in photo album and be within limit of photos allowed
Orisha statue (plastic, not metal or glass) (max. 3")
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Santeria hat - white, black, or beige only; may not obscure the resident's face; may be worn outside the cell or room
Spiritual cleansing soap

Sikhism

Medallion (max. 2" on approved breakaway necklace only)
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Turban - a commercially pre-made turban, white, black, or beige only, may not obscure the resident's face, may be worn outside the cell or room

Spiritual Baptist

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Vodun

Altar cloth (2' x 2', approved design only - may not be used as a bed blanket, wall hanging or floor rug)
Beaded necklaces (max. 2, on approved breakaway necklace only)
Cowrie shells (max. 4, max 1" long)
Devotional statue (plastic, not metal or glass) (max. 3")
Devotional pictures - must fit in photo album and be within limit of photos allowed
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