

## MAINE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

### ALLOWABLE GROUP 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. Not included on the list is any item that is available to all general population residents, e.g., oils.
3. Unless otherwise noted below, when not in use, all allowable group ceremonial items must be stored in the faith group's locker or other location, as required by the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee. Each faith group may also store allowable religious publications, including religious calendars, religious audio CDs, and religious DVDs in its locker or other location, as required by the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee.

#### **Buddhism**

Bell

Incense holder and incense

Mala beads (on approved breakaway string only)

Mindful Mantra flags

Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place

Silk flowers

Small wooden bowl

Statue of Buddha (not metal or glass, max. 8" high)

Tablecloth

Tea candle holders and candles (max. 10)

#### **Christianity**

Altar (as approved)

Altar linens and cloths (max. 2' by 2')

Baptismal items

Candle holder and candles (max. 10)

Chalice and paten (plate)

Grape juice (approved quantity) and paper cups for communion

Hosts for communion

Incense holder and incense

Religious statues (not metal or glass) (max. 2, max. 24" high) to be placed by the altar when the group ceremony takes place

Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place

Wine (1 ounce, to be brought in by priest and consumed by priest)

#### **Hinduism**

Bowl

Candle holder and candles (max. 10)

Conch shell (max. 3")

Incense holder and incense sticks (max. 2)

Group prayer rug (max. 6' x 8', approved design only)

Plate

Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place

Rice (approved quantity)

Statue of Hindu god/goddess (not metal or glass) (max. 8" high) or picture in stand (no glass) (max. 2 statues or pictures total)

White clothing (may not obscure the resident's face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)

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#### **Islam**

Group prayer rug (max. 6' x 8', approved design only)  
Incense holder and incense  
Individual prayer rugs (max. 4' x 6', approved design only)  
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place

#### **Jehovah's Witness**

None

#### **Judaism**

Sabbath candle holder and candles (max. 2)  
Hanukkah menorah (candle holder) and box of Hanukkah candles  
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place  
Shofar (ram's horn) (max. 20")

#### **Latter Day Saints**

None

#### **Nation of Islam**

Group prayer rug (max. 6' x 8', approved design only)  
Incense holder and incense  
Individual prayer rugs (max. 4' x 6', approved design only)  
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place

#### **Native American**

Bear root  
Cedar  
Cloth shield  
Drums (max. 2) and drumsticks (max. 18")  
Feathers (if eagle feather, requires Federal Government documentation)  
Flag root  
Flute  
Individual prayer blankets (max. 60" and 80", approved design only)  
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place  
Sacred pipe  
Sage  
Smudge bowl  
Sweet grass  
Talking stick (max. 18")  
Tobacco (approved amount, to be brought in by tribal elder and any excess to be taken out by tribal elder)  
Tribal attire (may not obscure the resident's face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)  
Turtle rattle (max. 18")

#### **Odinism**

Altar (as approved)  
Altar cloth (max. 2' by 2')  
Bowl  
Candle holders and candles (maximum 10)  
Cloth Banners  
Crackers (approved quantity)  
Cups (two)  
Grape juice (approved quantity)  
Incense holder with sand and incense sticks (max. 2)

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Individual prayer blankets (max. 60" and 80", approved design only)  
Mead horn (bone) (max. 12")  
Pentagrams and pentacles  
Plate  
Religious symbol to be placed on wall when group ceremony takes place  
Rune cards  
Runic wand (max. 20")  
Salt and small shell (max. 3")  
Set of runes  
Shrouds (may not obscure the resident's face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)  
Speaking staff (max. 12")  
Statue of Odin (not metal or glass) (max. 14" high)  
Thor's Hammer (max. 12")

#### **Pagan**

Altar (as approved)  
Altar cloth  
Bell  
Besom (broom) (max. 36")  
Candle holders and candles (max. 10)  
Cardboard Athame  
Cardboard moon quarter designations  
Chalice  
Cloth banners  
Crackers Cups (two)  
Gavel (max. 12")  
Grape juice (approved quantity)  
Incense holder with sand and incense sticks (max. 2)  
Pagan wheel, paper  
Plate  
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place  
Robes (may not obscure the resident's face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)  
Salt and small shell (max. 3")  
Speaking staff (max. 12")  
Tarot Cards  
Vord (half-horse/half-man statue) (not metal or glass) (max. 8" high)  
Wand (max. 20")

#### **Santeria**

Altar (as approved)  
Altar bell  
Altar cloth (2' x 2')  
Bata drum  
Candles (max. 5)  
Candle, 7 African Powers (not metal or glass)  
Cowrie shells (max. 21, max. 1" long)  
Floating wicks for use in the soapstone oil diffuser (1 package of no more than 50 wicks)  
Herbs (approved type and quantity)  
Incense holder and incense  
Mortar & pestle (plastic)  
Orisha statue (not metal or glass) (max. 8" high)  
Pin candle holder  
Soapstone oil diffuser

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Spiritual cleansing soap

White clothing (may not obscure the resident's face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)

#### **Vodun**

Altar (as approved)

Altar cloth (2' x 2")

Cowrie shells (max. 4, max. 1" long)

Herbs (approved type and quantity)

Incense holder and incense

Mortar and pestle (plastic)

Spiritual cleansing soap

Statue (not metal or glass) (max. 8" high)

White clothing (may not obscure the resident's face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)

#### **Wicca**

Altar (as approved)

Altar cloth (2' x 2")

Bell

Besom (broom) (max. 36")

Candle holders and candles (max. 10)

Cardboard Athame

Cardboard moon quarter designations

Chalice

Cloth banners

Crackers Cups (two)

Gavel (max. 12")

Grape juice (approved quantity)

Incense holder with sand and incense sticks (max. 2)

Ogham sticks (max. 4" long)

Pagan wheel, paper

Pentagrams and pentacles

Plate

Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place

Robes (may not obscure the resident's face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)

Salt and small shell (max. 3")

Set of runes

Speaking staff (max. 12")

Tarot cards

Vord (half-horse/half-man statue) (not metal or glass) (max. 8" high)

Wand (max. 20")