

# MAINE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

## ALLOWABLE PERSONAL RELIGIOUS ITEMS

### Notes:

1. The maximum allowed value of any item (excluding religious journals, religious publications, religious calendars, and religious audio CDs) is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
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.
4. All religions are allowed:
  - a. a religious calendar, max 12" x 12", no spiral binding;
  - b. religious journals (including, but not limited to, the Book of Shadows for Pagan/Wicca), if journal is wrapped or otherwise "sealed," only a small piece of fabric may be used, NO metal clasp or string, chain, etc.;
  - c. religious publications; and
  - d. religious audio CDs.
5. Two headwear items are allowed where religious headwear is an allowable item.
6. For other items only one is allowed, unless otherwise specified.

### Buddhism

Devotional icon or statue - max 3", wood or plastic only

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

Prayer beads (mala) - beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic only, one set on an approved breakaway string only

Prayer beads storage bag - max. 2" x 4"

Religious necklace with amulet (Bodhi Tree symbol with or w/o image of Buddha sitting directly beneath it, Buddha image, or Om symbol) - max. 2" on approved breakaway chain only

### Christianity

Devotional icon or statue - max 3", wood or plastic only

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

Prayer beads (rosary) – beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic only, one set on an approved breakaway string only

Prayer beads storage bag - max. 2" x 4"

Religious necklace with symbol (traditional cross, Celtic cross, crucifix, or sacred medal) - max. 2" on approved breakaway chain only

### Druidism

Religious necklace with symbol (amulet) - max. 2" on approved breakaway chain only

### Eastern Orthodox

Prayer beads (rosary) – beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic only, one set on an approved breakaway string only

### Hinduism

Devotional icon or statue - max. 3", wood or plastic only

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

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

Prayer beads (mala) - beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic only, one set on an approved breakaway string only

Prayer beads storage bag - max. 2" x 4"

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

Religious necklace with symbol (amulet) - max. 2" on approved breakaway chain only

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### **Islam**

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

Headwear (kufi) (male) - 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 (misbaha) - beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic only, one set on an approved breakaway string only

Prayer beads storage bag - max. 2" x 4"

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

Religious necklace with symbol (name of Allah) - max. 2" on approved breakaway chain only

### **Jehovah's Witness**

No specific personal religious items requested

### **Judaism**

Headwear (yarmulke) - white, black, or beige only, may not obscure the resident's face may be worn outside the cell or room

Kosher lamp - to be used between sunset and sunrise on the Sabbath and holy days only

Phylacteries (one set) - to be worn in cell or room only

Prayer shawl - approved size and design only, to be worn in cell or room only

Religious necklace with symbol (Star of David) - max. 2" on approved breakaway chain only

Tallis katan (small) - must be worn under clothing, may be worn outside the cell or room

### **Latter Day Saints**

No specific personal religious items requested

### **Nation of Islam**

Headwear (kufi) (male) - white, black, or beige only, may not obscure the resident's face, may be worn outside the cell or room

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

Miswak toothbrush

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Prayer beads (misbaha) - beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic only, one set on an approved breakaway string only

Prayer beads storage bag - max. 2" x 4"

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

Religious necklace with symbol (name of Allah) - max. 2" on approved breakaway chain only

### **Native American**

Dream catcher - max. 6" in diameter, plastic or wood only, approved design only, may be hung above the resident's head while sleeping)

Feather - if eagle feather, requires a United States federal government permit

Medicine bag - max 3"x 5", may be worn around neck on approved breakaway string only, to contain the following only:

- Kinnikinnick - Native American sacred blend: .04 grams to .045 grams that 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
- Lock of family member's hair
- Sacred fetish (stone, animal statue, small)
- Sacred herbs - small pinch each: flat cedar, white sage, & sweetgrass
- Stones (2, small)

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Prayer blanket - max. 60" x 80", approved design only, may not be used as a bed blanket, wall hanging or floor rug

Religious necklace - with beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic only, without symbol or other ornament,  
OR unbeaded necklace with amulet (totem/fetish or Tree of Life symbol) - max 2" on approved breakaway chain only

**Odinism**

Devotional icon or statue - max. 3", wood or plastic only

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

Divination objects - set of runes (24 - 33 small, inscribed stones), one set of rune cards, and casting cloth - max. 2' x 2', white or black

Mojo bag - max 3"x 5", may be worn around neck on approved breakaway string only, to contain the following only:

- Crystal (small)
- Feather
- Medallion
- Pendulum
- Prayer bead
- Stone (small)

Prayer beads (Odin) - beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic only, one set on an approved breakaway string only

Prayer beads storage bag - max. 2" x 4"

Prayer blanket - max. 60" x 80", approved design only, may not be used as a bed blanket, wall hanging or floor rug

Religious necklace with symbol (Thor's Hammer) - max. 2" on approved breakaway chain only

**Pagan/Wicca**

Altar cloth - 2' x 2', approved design only, may not be used as a bed blanket, wall hanging or floor rug

Devotional icon or statue - max. 3", wood or plastic only

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

Divination objects - choice of 5 small, tumbled stones, set of runes (24 small, inscribed stones), or 20 ogham sticks (max. 4" long)

Mojo bag – max. 3"x 5", may be worn around neck on approved breakaway string only, to contain the following only:

- Crystal (small)
- Feather
- Medallion
- Pendulum
- Prayer bead
- Stone (small)

Prayer beads (Pagan/Wicca) - beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic only, one set on an approved breakaway string only

Prayer beads storage bag - max. 2" x 4"

Religious necklace with symbol (Pentagram) - max. 2" on approved breakaway chain only

**Rastafari**

Headwear (Rastafarian crown (aka cap or tam) – close-fitting, 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

Prayer beads (rosary) – beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic only, one set on an approved breakaway string only

Prayer beads storage bag - max. 2" x 4"

Religious necklace with symbol (Lion's head) - max. 2" on approved breakaway chain only

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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

Devotional icon or statue - max. 3", wood or plastic only

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

Divination objects - cowrie shells, max. 21, max 1" long

Headwear (Santeria hat) – close-fitting, white, black, or beige only; may not obscure the resident's face; may be worn outside the cell or room

Mojo bag - max. 3 x 5", with 2 small otanes (stones), may be worn around neck with approved breakaway string only

Prayer beads (rosary) – beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic only, one set on an approved breakaway string only

Prayer beads storage bag - max. 2" x 4"

Religious beaded necklaces (max. 2) - (eleke), beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic only, one necklace of multi-colored beads and one necklace representing a specific Orisha, without symbol or other ornament, on approved breakaway chain only

Spiritual cleansing soap

### **Sikhism**

Headwear (turban) (male) - commercially pre-made turban, close-fitting, white, black, or beige only, may not obscure the resident's face, may be worn outside the cell or room

Religious necklace with symbol (khanda) - max. 2" on approved breakaway chain only

### **Spiritual Baptist**

Headwear (headwrap) (female) - commercially pre-made headwrap, close-fitting with pre-tied topknot, white, black, or beige only, may not obscure the resident's face, may be worn outside the cell or room

### **Vodun**

Altar cloth - max. 2' x 2', approved design only, may not be used as a bed blanket, wall hanging or floor rug

Devotional icon or statue - max. 3", wood or plastic only

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

Divination objects - cowrie shells, max. 4, max 1" long

Gris-gris (mojo) bag - max 3" x 5", may be worn around neck on approved breakaway string only, to contain the following only:

- Crystal, small
- Charm (circular shape, max 2", "Circle of Protection" only)
- Piece of John the Conqueror root, small

Prayer beads (rosary) – beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic only, one set on an approved breakaway string only

Prayer beads storage bag - max. 2" x 4"

Religious beaded necklace (max. 2) - beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic only, without symbol or other ornament, on approved breakaway chain only

Spiritual cleansing soap