

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 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.
4. All religions are allowed:
 - a. a religious calendar, max 8 1/2" x 11", no spiral binding;
 - b. religious journals;
 - 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, 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

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, one set on an approved breakaway string only

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

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

Sacred medal - max. 1"

Druidism

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

Islam

Headwear (scarf) (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

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Miswak toothbrush

Miswak toothpaste

Prayer beads (misbaha) - beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic, 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 - 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

Miswak toothpaste

Prayer beads (misbaha) - beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic, 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, 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: cedar, sage, sweetgrass, bear root & flag root)
- 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 beaded necklace - beads up to 1/2" in diameter, wood or plastic, without symbol or other ornament, on approved breakaway string 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, 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)

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

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

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

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 set of runes (24 small, inscribed stones) or ogham sticks (20) (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, 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 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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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