The Hampden County Pre-Release/Minimum Center separates contraband into two (2) categories: General and Illicit

### GENERAL CONTRABAND

General contraband is defined as any item possessed by a resident, staff or visitor or found within the facility that is prohibited by the Hampden County Pre-Release/Minimum Center.

**NOTE:** Residents in possession of general contraband are subject to discipline and may be returned to higher security. (Residents are allowed to have no more than $65.00 in their possession at one time. If a greater amount of money is found, it is considered contraband.)

### ILLICIT CONTRABAND

Illicit contraband is defined as any item possessed by a resident, staff or visitor, or found within the facility, that is prohibited by law.

**NOTE:** Any visitor found to be in possession of illicit contraband will be banned from all visits at all facilities and is subject to arrest and/or criminal prosecution.

### Contraband List

- Firearms of any kind
- Ammunition or explosives
- Knives, kitchen utensils or unauthorized tools
- Intoxicants, such as liquor and alcoholic beverages
- Narcotics and drugs (these can be dispensed and in your possession only as authorized by the medical department)
- Hazardous and poisonous chemicals
- Medications of any type (not prescribed by Health Services staff)
- Food, soft candy or gum (other than that allowed during visits or through commissary)
- Wire hangers
- Tattooing paraphernalia (gun, needles); residents found with new tattoos will be subject to disciplinary action
- Any oral product containing alcohol (Pepsodent toothpaste, mouthwash etc.)
- Electric adapters
- Aerosol items (deodorant, hair spray, deodorizers, etc.)
- Any glass products
- Extension cords
- Clothing irons
- Bandanas or headbands
- Tank tops or sleeveless attire
- Stingers, hot plates, or heating devices
- Liquid bleach
- Tobacco products, matches, lighters, etc.
- Incense
- Personal bed sheets/pillows
- Articles advertising alcohol/drugs products (i.e. shirts, hats, etc. material (magazines, posters)
- Articles belonging to other institutions MCI/jail (i.e. pants, shirts)
- Telephone calling cards, ATM cards or credit cards
- Money in excess of $65.00
- Vitamins, not purchased through commissary (tablets, capsules, powders)
- Hair clippers (not facility issued)
- Inhalers that have not been medically approved
- Cameras
- Radios
- State lottery tickets and gambling paraphernalia
- Nail polish and nail remover
- Poppy seeds
- Banks or storage containers
- Mail from home
- Beepers
- Cell phones
- iPad, computers
- Smart watches
- Earrings or any other body piercing
- Bracelets, anklet
- Gang colors/activity
- Non-standards antennas for TV
- Cologne/perfume or any perfume lotions or after shave
- Hair color
- Pad locks

**Note:** This list of contraband is not inclusive. If there is question of any item you are looking to bring into the facility, it is best to phone the Pre-Release/Minimum Center at (413) 858-0819 before your visit to ask whether you can bring in such property for the resident.