

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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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.