



Top Questions Asked at...

Berks County Jail (CCJ)

1. When is my money coming from upstate?

You should allow three weeks to receive your funds. If three weeks go by and the state correctional institution (SCI) has not transferred the money, Berks County staff will contact SCI inmate accounts.

2. Why is my property not allowed here?

Berks County Jail has different allowable items than the SCI.

3. Why can't I get idol pay?

You are not entitled to idol pay at our facility.

4. Why can't I get my free envelopes?

You are not entitled to free envelopes at our facility. You may sign up for the law library and get free supplies.

5. Why are we on a housing unit with county inmates? Shouldn't we be housed separately?

Berks County Jail is not required to house individuals separately.

6. How do I get returned to an SCI?

You do not have the choice to return to an SCI. Sometimes after completion of programs, you may be taken back if the Department of Corrections needs room for more inmates for programs.

7. What happens if I don't have a home plan?

Your parole agent will assist and work with you to help secure a home plan.

8. How will I get to my home plan or Community Corrections Center if I don't have a ride?

Berks County Jail will provide transportation in the form of a cab or bus.

9. How can I get approved for early release?

You are not eligible for early release unless your Board Action reads "upon completion of programming."