

Quehanna Facility Guide to Visiting Information

General Overview of Visits:

The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections trusts that all visitors will support this agency's commitment to making all department facilities drug-free. This will ensure a safer environment for all inmates, staff and public in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Any individual who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, or smelling of alcohol upon arrival, will not be permitted to enter the institution.

Parking on facility property is a privilege. **If you park on grounds you are subject to a search of your vehicle by a K-9 Team.** Refusal to consent to a vehicle search will require that the vehicle be removed from facility property.

Please be reminded that all visitors to a PA DOC facility, including those attending a graduation ceremony, are subject to search before entering the facility. This search may include the use of an Ion Scanner and/or a K-9 dog search team. This is to ensure you are not carrying in any contraband, which would include, but is not limited to:

- **Drugs**
- **Drug paraphernalia**
- **Alcohol**
- **Weapons**
- **Pocket knives**
- **Cell Phones**
- **Implements of escape**

If you are caught with contraband anywhere within the facility or on Commonwealth property, you will be denied a visit and may be arrested and prosecuted. If you attempt to bring or do bring drugs into a PA DOC facility, you will be permanently banned from visiting any DOC facility and the matter shall be referred to the Pennsylvania State Police for prosecution.

The Department of Corrections reserves the right to deny entrance to the facility to any persons believed to be a threat to the safety, security or good order of the correctional facility.

What to expect when entering the building for your visit:

Upon arrival to the lobby, please check in with the Lobby Officer. One form of photo identification is required at the Quehanna Facility and may be: a driver's license or other photo identification which contains the visitor's current home address and date of birth. Please contact the institution for information on other acceptable forms of identification for adults. All minor-aged visitors must have a form of identification – either a school ID with photograph or an original/certified copy of a birth certificate and Social Security card. **No visit will be permitted without proper identification.**

Please be advised, all visitors are subject to a security search prior to entering the institution and upon departure. Visitors must pass a metal detector in three (3) attempts. It is advised that visitors do not wear any clothing which may contain metal or has metal on the outside of the garment. On random occasions and in addition to metal detection search, a visitor may be required to pass a drug itemizer (drug detection device), K-9 search and/or K-9 air scan. If you refuse to be searched before entering the institution, your visiting privileges may be denied. If you refuse to be searched while in the institution, you may be detained until appropriate law enforcement authorities have been contacted and arrive.

It is recommended that you arrive as early in the day as possible so that proper arrangements can be made in time for your visit. Your patience is appreciated.

Confirming Eligibility for Visit

All visitors must be on the inmate's approved facility visiting list and be approved on the DOC Inmate Visitation System. This includes all minor-aged children. Visitors under 18 years of age may only visit when accompanied by an adult who is authorized per DC-313 and must also be on the inmate's approved visiting list. Please note: it is the inmate's responsibility to request additions to or deletions from his/her approved visiting list. **Visitors schedule the visit on the DOC Inmate Visitation System in accordance with the Inmate Visitation Schedule.**

Per Department of Corrections' policy, the following categories of individual will generally be prohibited from visiting inmates:

- ◇ Former inmate of any corrections system
- ◇ Any person who is currently under parole or probation supervision
- ◇ Any Department of Corrections employee (current or former)
- ◇ Any currently active Volunteer for the Department of Corrections
- ◇ Any current or former contract employee
- ◇ Any victim of the inmate (without prior approval)
- ◇ Anyone who has an active Protection from Abuse (PFA) Order against that inmate that prohibits such contact

Based on legitimate reasons, exceptions to these restrictions shall be reviewed by the Superintendent and/or designee upon written request and subsequent approval in advance to the intended visit.

Visiting Room Rules

1. Do not bring any kind of gift to the Quehanna facility. **Remember, inmates are not permitted to take anything from the visiting area.**
2. Quehanna Boot Camp is **tobacco free**. No tobacco products shall be permitted.
3. **Baby Food/Toiletries.** Inmate visitors are permitted to bring the following items to the visiting room: two (2) unopened **plastic containers** of baby food, three (3) clear plastic baby bottles with milk or formula, three (3) loose diapers and individual pre-packaged wipes. **No types of baby creams are permitted.**
4. All inmates are informed of changes to visiting regulations. It is the responsibility of each inmate to inform his/her visitors of any changes.
5. Any visitor who is caught trying to introduce or who introduces drugs or contraband into the Quehanna facility will be banned from visiting any Department of Corrections facility. They may be detained until proper law enforcement officials investigate the incident.
6. Cameras, tape recorders, cell phones, radios, drugs, alcohol, weapons, food, cash, sunglasses, wallets, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes, lighters, gum, hats, hooded garments, pagers and handbags are not permitted in the visiting area.
7. The Quehanna facility provides vending machines for food items, candy and soft drinks to be consumed during a visit. Inmates are not permitted in the vending area. Food and soft drinks are not permitted in the children's play area. **Visitors may bring in a credit card to be used in the vending machines.**
8. The only physical contact permitted by adults in the visiting room area is an embrace and a kiss when meeting and departing. Violations of this rule may result in termination of the visit and the inmate receiving discipline.
9. Small children may sit on the inmate's lap. The Quehanna facility provides a small children's play area for visitors 12 years of age or younger. Please keep your children under control. Failure to do so may result in early termination of your visit.
10. The maximum number of people (inmates, visitors and staff) permitted in the visiting room is 77.
11. **Contact visits are scheduled for three (3) hours in length; visits may be shorter if circumstances dictate. Virtual visits are scheduled for 45 minutes in length.**
12. An inmate may have a maximum of **three (3)** visitors, with at least one (1) adult (over the age of 18), at one time **for contact visits. Virtual visits may include up to six (6) pre-scheduled visitors.**

Quehanna Boot Camp Graduations

1. Visitors may not arrive until one hour prior to graduation.
2. All visitors must have proper ID in order to enter the facility or remain on the grounds. One form of photo identification or two forms of non-photo identification are required, one of which should provide a date of birth.
3. Visitors must be on the inmate's approved visitors list in order to enter the facility.
4. Vehicles must be locked at all times.
5. No loitering in the vehicle is permitted during the graduation ceremony.
6. A K-9 Team may search vehicles and/or people upon arrival for graduation.
7. The following items are not permitted in the facility:
 - Cameras, camcorders, or any type of recording device
 - Cell phones, pagers
 - Cigarettes or tobacco products of any kind
 - E-Cigarettes
 - Vapes
 - Lighters, matches
 - Drinking containers of any kind * (Up to 3 baby bottles filled with formula or white milk are permitted)
 - No change or cash
 - Purses must remain locked in the vehicle
8. The following items are not permitted on the grounds:
 - Drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol
 - Weapons of any type

If you have any questions, please direct them to a staff member prior to entering the building.

Thank you for your cooperation!