Visitor Dress Standards

Minimum standards

Social visitors are expected to dress appropriately for the prison environment in order to preserve the good order and security of the prison and the safety of visitors. As a minimum, visitors into a prison must wear underwear (including bras for women) and footwear. Pants and skirts/dresses should be no shorter than mid-thigh.

Inappropriate clothing

The following items, as examples, are regarded as inappropriate clothing for the prison visits environment:

- any clothing that contains offensive or suggestive logos, words or slogans
- sexually provocative clothing or clothing that exposes underwear, genital areas or breasts including
  - see-through, sheer, or mesh clothing (other than hosiery)
  - low cut or tight fitting tops
  - tight fitting clothing including that which is made with spandex or lycra
- badly deteriorating footwear
- clothes that are excessively torn, stained, dirty, ripped or frayed
- underwear that is visible through clothing
- steel capped boots
- money belts or belts with compartments
- headwear including hats or beanies
- excessive jewellery
- swimsuits
- watches (that perform functions other than telling the time)
- hi-visibility clothing (typically worn by contractors)
- Motorcycle Gang ‘colours’ or clothing with gang insignias

The above list is not exhaustive. Any queries in relation to appropriate clothing should be discussed with the Security Manager of the facility.

Visitors who do not meet an appropriate standard of dress will be denied entry into Visits or asked to rectify their standard of dress.

Exemptions

Exemptions may be permitted only for legitimate cultural, religious or medical reasons or at the discretion of the Security Manager.
Approved
Appendix 6 – Visitor Dress Standards is approved by the Commissioner as stipulated in Adult Custodial Rule 7 – Communications – Visits and may be varied with the approval of the Commissioner, as required.

Commissioner:  

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