

FURTHER INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO THE SPRING HILL CORRECTIONS FACILITY

Section 2: Information for Approved Visitors

The information in Section 2 is given in accordance with the Corrections Act 2004 and the Corrections Regulations 2005.

- It is preferable that each person wishing to visit the site bring with them photo identification drivers licence or passport
- There are lockers at the visitors centre where car keys and photo id can be locked away
- Anyone that has any metal hip replacement/pacemaker etc needs to be alerted in advance due to the screening in the entry procedure
- Cameras are not a permitted item

As an approved visitor you are required to produce identification each time you visit the prison.

Unauthorised items must not be taken into the prison without the authority of the Prison Manager. All visitors must report any unauthorised item in his or her possession, and a staff member may inspect or seize any unauthorised item reported or found in the possession of any visitor to a prison.

Unauthorised item means:-

- (a) any article that could be harmful to any persons;
- (b) any drug, alcohol, or other intoxicating substance;
- (c) any cellular telephone or camera;
- (d) any thing that could be used for the purpose of facilitating the escape from lawful custody of any person;
- (e) in relation to any person, any thing that may not lawfully be retained in the person's possession;
- (f) any offensive weapon within the meaning of section 202A of the Crimes Act 1961;
- (g) any disabling substance within the meaning of that section;

Information about searching

Any person entering the prison may be searched as well as their possessions and vehicle. If consent to conduct a search is not given, that person will be refused entry. Narcotic detection dogs or devices such as metal detectors may be used to carry out the search for the purpose of detecting any unauthorised item/s. If you have already entered the prison and an officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that you are in possession of an unauthorised item/s, reasonable force may be used to carry out the search.

Exclusion of visitors from prisons

Visitors may be excluded from a prison if:

- the visitor behaves in a manner that is- harmful, threatening, or intimidating to any person; or
- threatening or disruptive to the security and order of the prison; or
- indecent; or
- the visitor fails to comply with the Act, these regulations, any rule, or any lawful order given by an officer; or
- the visitor is found in possession of an unauthorised item; or
- an emergency threatens the safety of any person or the security of the prison; or
- the prisoner whom the visitor wishes to see has stated that he or she does not wish to see the visitor; or
- a prohibition order made by the manager of another prison applies to the visitor.

Private visitors carrying medication

A visitor who is permitted to carry prescribed medication:

- (a) must carry that medication in its original container;
- (b) may only bring into the prison the quantity of medicine that is reasonably required whilst he or she is in the prison;
- (c) may be required to provide proof of his or her medical need, and that he or she requires access to the prescribed medication whilst in prison.