When a Vendor’s employees are working under a Contract between the Vendor and the State of Michigan/Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC), due to safety and security concerns, the following rules apply to all of the Vendor’s employees (Employees) working within a MDOC prison/facility. Any violation of the Vendor Employee Handbook may result in a Stop Order being issued against the Employee, the Employee’s removal from his/her assignment under the Contract and may result in additional sanctions from the Vendor and/or law enforcement.

Definitions

Contraband: Any article not specifically authorized for admittance into a correctional facility or on facility grounds, e.g. this list includes but is not limited to weapons, any firearm, alcohol, cell phones, cell/electronic watches, iphones, ipads, computers, laptops, tobacco, cigarettes and e-cigarettes, matches, lighters, Tasers®, mace, pepper spray, Google glasses, recording devices, ammunition, handcuff keys, walkie-talkies, yeast, fireworks, etc. (See Attachment A for permissible items allowed into a facility without a gate manifest.)

Cell phones, iphones, ipads, computes, laptops, tobacco and tobacco products may be stored in the employee’s secured vehicle only while on facility grounds.

Employee Permitted Items. Employees are permitted to take the following items into the facility on their person: a photo ID, up to and no more than $25.00 currency. See also Attachment A.

Discriminatory Harassment: Unwelcome advances, requests for favors, and other verbal or non-verbal communication or conduct, for example comments, innuendo, threats, jokes, pictures, gestures, etc., based on race, color, national origin, disability, sex, sexual orientation, age, height, weight, marital status, religion, genetic information or partisan considerations.

Employee: A person employed by the Vendor.

Facility: Any property owned, leased, or occupied by the Michigan Department of Corrections that is used to maintain custody over a prisoner or parolee, e.g. prison, reentry center, health care area, etc.

Offender: A prisoner or parolee under the jurisdiction of the MDOC or housed in a MDOC facility.

Overfamiliarity: Conduct which has resulted in or is likely to result in intimacy; a close personal or non-work related association. Overfamiliarity is strictly prohibited. Examples are being at the residence of an offender, being at the residence of an offender’s family, giving or receiving non-work related letters, messages, money, personal mementos, pictures, telephone numbers, to or from an offender or a family member of a listed visitor of an offender, exchanging hugs with an offender, dating or having sexual relations with an offender, etc.

Over-the-Counter Medication: Medication which can be purchased without a prescription in the United States.

Prescription Medication: Medication which cannot be purchased without authorization from a properly licensed health care authority.

Sexual Harassment of Offenders: Sexual harassment includes verbal statements or comments of a sexual nature to an offender, demeaning references to gender or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or profane or obscene language or gestures of a sexual nature. Sexual harassment is strictly prohibited.
Sexual Conduct with Offenders: The intentional touching, either directly or through clothing, of a prisoner’s genitals, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttock with the intent to abuse, arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person. Permitting an offender to touch you either directly or through clothing with the intent to abuse, arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person. Invasion of privacy for sexual gratification, indecent exposure, or voyeurism. An attempted, threatened, or requested sexual act or helping, advising, or encouraging another person to engage in a sexual act with an offender. Sexual conduct with offenders is strictly prohibited.

General Requirements

Discrimination. Employee shall not discriminate against a person on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, age, weight, height, disability, marital status, genetic information or partisan considerations.

Political Activities. Employees cannot proselytize for any political group or religion in a facility and on MDOC grounds as this may cause safety and security issues within the facility.

Conflict of Interest. If any Employee has a family member or friend who is incarcerated, he/she must immediately notify their supervisor and the MDOC for proper facility assignment.

Public Information. Employees are not authorized to make public statements on behalf of the MDOC.

Role Model. Employees serve as role models to offenders. Therefore, Employees are to act in a professional manner at all times. Any arrest, citation, issuance of a warrant for a felony or misdemeanor offense or issuance of a personal protection order against the Employee must be immediately reported to his/her supervisor. Any action or inaction by an Employee which jeopardizes the safety or security of the facility, MDOC employees, the public or offenders is prohibited.

Fitness for Duty. Employees are required to be physically and mentally fit to perform their job duties. If you do not believe you are mentally or physically fit, please report this issue to your immediate supervisor. Employees shall immediately notify their supervisor if they are taking medication which may interfere with their work responsibilities.

Use of Leave/Notice of Absence. Employees are required to obtain preapproval of leave from their immediate supervisor. In the event of an unauthorized Employee absence, the Vendor must provide back-up staff.

Punctuality. Employees are required to be punctual and adhere to the work schedule approved by their supervisor and to be at their assignment at the start of their shift. This means that Employees must plan for proper travel time, inclement weather, and to go through the facility check-in process in order to at their assigned location at the start of their shift.

Jail Time or Other Restricted Supervision. No Employee shall be allowed to work in a facility while under electronic monitoring of any type, house arrest, or sentenced to jail time for any reason, including weekends, even if granted a work release pass.

Specific Vendor Employee Rules

1. Humane Treatment of Individuals. Employees are expected to treat all individuals in a humane manner while on duty in a facility. Examples of actions of an Employee in violation of this rule include but are not limited to, displaying a weapon, using speech, an action or gesture or movement that causes physical or mental intimidation or humiliation, failing to secure necessary culinary tools, using abusive or profane language which degrades or belittles another person or group, etc.
2. **Use of Personal Position for Personal Gain.** Employees shall not engage in actions that could constitute the use of their position for personal gain. Example, employees are forbidden from exchanging with, giving to, or accepting gifts or services from an offender or an offender’s family.

3. **Discriminatory Harassment.** Employees shall not engage in discriminatory harassment which includes but is not limited to, unwelcomed advances, requests for favors, other verbal or non-verbal communication or conduct based on race color, national origin, disability, sex, sexual orientation, age, height, weight, marital status, religion, genetic information, etc.

4. **Misuse of State or Vendor Property/Equipment.** Employees shall not misuse State or Vendor property. Examples: using property for a personal purpose beyond that of your job duties, removing items from the premises without authorization, etc.

5. **Conduct Unbecoming.** Employees shall not behave in an inappropriate manner or in a manner which may harm or adversely affect the reputation or mission of the MDOC. If an employee is arrested or charged with a criminal offense, this matter shall be reported to the Employee’s supervisor. Any conduct by an Employee involving theft is not tolerated.

6. **Physical Contact.** Inappropriate physical contact with offenders and MDOC staff is prohibited. Examples include inappropriately placing of hands on another person, horseplay, etc.

7. **Confidential Records/Information.** Employees shall respect the confidentiality of other employees, MDOC staff and prisoners. Employees shall not share confidential information.

8. **Use of Health Care Services.** Employees shall only use the facility health care services in case of emergency, medical stabilization and for serious on-the-job injuries. When the clinic facilities are used for an emergency or on-the-job injury, the Employee is to be transferred as soon as practicable to a physician or hospital.

9. **Insubordination.** Based on the safety and security of the facility, there may be times where Employees are provided guidance from MDOC staff. Willful acts of Employees contrary to MDOC instructions that compromise the MDOC’s ability to carry out its responsibilities, are prohibited.

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11. **Searches.** Employees are subject to search while on facility property and prior to entry into a facility. Employees who refuse to submit to an authorized search will not be permitted into the facility.

12. **Emergency.** Employees must immediately respond during an emergency, e.g. call for assistance, respond to an emergent situation, etc. This may include participating in emergency preparedness drills conducted by the MDOC, e.g. fire drills.

13. **MDOC Rules, Regulations, Policies, Procedures, Post Orders, Work Statements.** Employees must be familiar with and act in accordance with MDOC rules, regulations, policies, etc. Employees are prohibited from interfering with and undermining the MDOC’s efforts to enforce rules, regulations, etc.

14. **Maintaining Order.** Any action or inaction that may detract from maintaining order within the facility is prohibited, e.g. antagonizing offenders, inciting to riot, etc.

15. **Chain of Command.** Employees shall follow their chain of command. Complaints and concerns are to be submitted to the immediate supervisor unless the situation is an emergency.

16. **Criminal Acts.** Employees shall not engage in conduct that results in a felony or misdemeanor conviction. Employees must provide a verbal report to their immediate supervisor within 24 hours of a felony or
misdemeanor citation or arrest, the issuance of any warrant, any arraignment, pre-trial conference, pleas of any kind, trial, conviction, sentencing, federal, diversion or dismissal.

17. **Contraband and Controlled Substances.** There is a zero tolerance policy regarding any Employee possessing, using or introducing controlled substances into a facility where offenders are housed. The possession and presence of contraband presents a safety and security risk and is prohibited. Possession, introduction, or attempting to introduce any substance including controlled substances or intoxicants into any facility is prohibited. Yeast is also prohibited which can be used to manufacture a prohibited or illegal substance.

18. **Use of Alcohol or Controlled Substance.** Employees are prohibited from consuming alcohol or any controlled substance while on duty or on breaks. Employees who report for duty with alcohol on his/her breath or when suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, may be prohibited from entering into the facility or be immediately removed from their assignment.

19. **Reserved.**

20. **Introduction or Possession of Contraband.** Employees shall not introduce or possess unauthorized items such as escape paraphernalia, weapons, facsimiles of weapons, ammunition, wireless communication devices, cell phones, tobacco, electronic cigarettes, lighters, matches, firearm, alcohol, cell phones, cell/electronic watches, iphones, ipads, computers, laptops, Tasers®, mace, pepper spray, Google glasses, recording devices, handcuff keys, walkie-talkies, yeast, fireworks, etc.

21. **Motor Vehicles on the Premises of Prison Grounds.** All motor vehicles must be properly locked and secured. It is the employee’s responsibility to ensure that unauthorized items or contraband are not in the motor vehicle. Motor vehicles on facility grounds may be searched at any time for any reason.

22. **Reserved.**

23. **Possession and/or Use of Medication.** Employees shall immediately notify their supervisor if taking prescribed medication which may interfere with the Employee’s work responsibilities or the safety and security of the facility. Such medication includes but is not limited to: narcotic pain medication, psychotropic medication, mood altering medication and antihistamines. The Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (the Act), Initiated Law 1 of 2008, MCL 333.26421 – 333.26430, allows for the use of medical marihuana for individuals who have been diagnosed with a “debilitating medical condition.” It is the position of the MDOC that Employees may not possess or use medical marihuana as it is both a federal and state offense.

24. **Reserved.**

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26. **Entry into a Facility/Visiting Offenders.** Employees are not permitted in non-public areas of the facility for non-work related purposes, especially where offenders are housed.

Generally, Employees may visit an offender only if that offender is an immediate family member and is housed at another facility other than where the employee works, unless the Warden has granted special approval. Employees, who have family members incarcerated in the MDOC, must let their supervisor know immediately who will subsequently report this information to the MDOC. An employee may visit an offender only if that offender is an immediate family member and is housed at a facility other than where the Employee is assigned to work. Immediate family member is defined as a parent, grandparent, step-parent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, mother-in-law, father-in-law, child, step-child, stepbrother/sister. Visiting an immediate family member who is an offender housed in a facility requires prior permission of both the Vendor and they MDOC.
27. **Dereliction of Duty.** Employees shall fully perform their job duties. Failure to do so is considered dereliction of duty and will be reported to the Vendor.

28. **Use of Force.** Employees shall use the least amount of force necessary to perform their duties. Excessive use of force will not be tolerated. Employees may act to reasonably defend themselves against violence.

29. **Exchange of Duties.** Employees shall not exchange duties or responsibilities with any MDOC staff.

30. **Duty Relief.** Employees shall not leave an assignment without prior relief or authorization from their immediate supervisor.

31. **Security Precautions.** Any action or inaction by an Employee which jeopardizes the safety or security of the facility, MDOC staff, the public or offenders is prohibited. Examples include but are not limited to, loss of equipment (knives, tools), propping open security doors or doors that should remain locked, allowing an unknown or unidentified individual into a building, unauthorized distribution of MDOC exempt policy directives/operating procedures, etc.

32. **Attention to Duty.** Employees shall remain alert while on duty. Sleeping or failure to properly observe an assigned area or offenders are examples of inattention to duty and are prohibited. Items that detract from the alertness of an Employee are prohibited. These items include but are not limited to computer games, books, reading pamphlets, newspapers, or other reading materials while on duty. (MDOC cookbooks, menus, non-exempt policies and procedures and postings, etc. are not considered prohibited items.)

33. **Reporting Violations.** Employees, who are approached by offenders to introduce contraband or violate the safety and security of the institution, shall concurrently report each time they are approached to the Employee’s immediate supervisor and MDOC staff. Employees must report conduct involving drugs, escape, sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, workplace safety or excessive use of force. A complete written report of the approach must be made no later than the end of the Employee’s work day.

34. **Reserved.**

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42. **Employee Uniform Requirements.** Employees must wear their required uniforms as approved by the Vendor and the MDOC. Employees will not be permitted to enter the facilities without the proper Vendor approved uniform/work attire.

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47. **Falsifying, Altering, Destroying, Removing Documents or Filing False Report.** Employees shall not falsify, alter, destroy or remove documents from the facility. Fraudulent reporting of an Employee’s time is expressly prohibited.

48. **Giving or Receiving Gifts or Services.** Employees are prohibited from exchanging with, giving to, or accepting any gifts or services from offenders or an offender’s family. This includes but is not limited to food and beverage items, shoe shines, clothing, paper products, stamps, delivering letters/correspondence, etc.

49. Reserved.

50. **Overfamiliarity or Unauthorized Contact.** Employees are prohibited from engaging in overfamiliarity with an offender, or an offender’s family member or a listed visitor or friend of an offender. Relationships with an offender, other than an Employee with his or her approved family member, is prohibited regardless of when the relationship began. Any exceptions must have Vendor and MDOC prior approval.

51. **Sexual Conduct.** Employees are prohibited from engaging in sexual conduct with anyone while on duty.

52. **Sexual Harassment.** Employees are prohibited from sexual harassing anyone. Employees are prohibited from assisting, advising or encouraging any person to sexually harass another.

53. **Workplace Safety.** Threats made by Employees such as bomb threats, death threats, threats of assault, threats of violence are prohibited. Employees are prohibited from engaging with prisoners in contests like running or sprint challenges, weight lifting contests, etc. Employees shall not physically fight or assault any person on facility grounds. Employees may act to reasonably defend themselves against violence. If an Employee becomes aware of a threat of violence or an act of violence, the Employee shall immediately report this information to their supervisor/chain of command.

Employees will ensure proper storage and handling of tools, keys, equipment, and other items (e.g. metal cans, metallic items).

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of, have read, understand and agree to abide by the above additional conditions, including Attachment A. If I have any questions, I will ask my supervisor/manager.

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Print Employee Name          Employee Signature          Date
ATTACHMENT A
ALLOWABLE ITEMS WITHOUT GATE MANIFEST

Employees are allowed to bring the following items into a facility while on duty:

1. Driver license/personal identification.
2. Pens (clear) and pencils (no more than two (2) of each).
4. Eyeglasses and sunglasses.
5. Cash, not to exceed $25.00.
6. Personal keys.
7. One (1) comb, one (1) brush or one (1) pick; non-metal only.
8. One (1) wallet or one purse/bag; no larger than 6” x 8”.
9. Umbrella, no pointed tips, no more than 20 inches total length.
10. Feminine hygiene products; one (1) day’s supply.
11. One (1) tube lip balm (e.g., Chapstick), one (1) lipstick.
12. Hand cream/lotion (1.6 oz. or less) tube.
13. Non-alcoholic based anti-bacterial hand cleaning sanitizer (four (4) oz. or less).
14. Sunscreen (four (4) oz. or less).
15. Over-the-counter medication; one (1) day’s supply limited to pain medication (e.g. aspirin, Tylenol, Ibuprofen) and antacids (e.g. Tums, Mylanta). Over-the-counter medication containing stimulants/relaxants (e.g., NoDoz, Sleepeze, NyQuil, Dextrim) are prohibited. The medication must be factory sealed when brought in and be identifiable.

**Note:** An Administrative Manifest from the MDOC is required for prescription medication.

16. One individual box/packet (unopened) paper tissues or one handkerchief.
17. Breath mints (one (1) oz. or less), hard candy/cough drops/throat lozenges (one (1) roll or package (six (6) oz. or less) of no more than ten (10) individually wrapped items); Commit nicotine lozenges (or similar brand) (ten (10) or less lozenges).
18. Coffee/tea/creamer/sugar/hot chocolate/coffee filters, soup/hot cereal/powdered drink mix, as described below:
   - Coffee – One (1) factory sealed, unopened non-metallic container containing no more than two (2) pounds to be transferred to clear plastic zip bag in presence of gate officer.
   - Tea/creamer/sugar – Single serving, sealed packets or in original packaging and transferred to clear plastic zip bag in presence of gate officer.
   - Hot Chocolate – Maximum of two (2) sealed packets in original packaging and transferred to clear plastic zip bag in presence of gate officer.
   - Coffee Filters – Maximum of one (1) unopened sealed bag in original packaging.
• Soup/Hot Cereal/Powdered Drink Mix - Sealed packets or envelopes (no more than two (2)).

20. One (1) clear, sealed, unopened plastic container of water not to exceed one (1) gallon.
21. Contact lens case; wetting solution and/or eye drops (non-prescription) – not to exceed ½ oz.
22. Factory sealed energy/protein/Granola/candy bars – two (2).
23. Flashlight (mini) and case.
24. Street shoes during inclement weather to replace snowshoes/boots – one (1) pair.