

NOTICE TO VISITORS CONCERNING VISITATION CHANGES

On Friday, July 18, 2008, TDCJ will implement a new visitor check in system.

All Adult visitors will be asked to provide identification prior to entering the visitation area. Visitor Identification for visitors 18 years of age and older is a pictured and signed identification (ID) of one (1) of the following: (1) valid state drivers' license; (2) valid state Department of Public Safety (DPS) ID card; (3) valid Armed Forces ID card; (4) passport; or (5) ID card issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) (i.e., Visa Border Crossing ID Card). Children 17 years of age and younger may be required to provide an ID (e.g., birth certificate, DPS ID or student ID) if the child's age is questionable due to physical maturity of the child. Valid student ID shall be used only for children 17 years old and younger.

You must have the original form of identification with you upon check-in. You will also need to provide your address, telephone number, date of birth, and vehicle information. An Approved Visitor Information Form will be available in visitation areas so that visitors may provide the required information before the new system is implemented. The form can be returned on your next visit, or be mailed to the unit Records Office.

An offender convicted and sentenced for current or prior crimes involving sexual offenses against children or offenses causing bodily injury to a child (child victim was under the age of 17) is restricted from having contact visits with children under the age of 17. The offender may have a general visit with a child under the age of 17 only if the offender is the legally recognized parent (biological/adoptive) of the child and the child was not the victim of the offense. Before the visit can occur, the legal guardian must complete the Child Victim Restriction Affidavit attesting that the offender is the legally recognized parent of the child and that the child was not the victim of any offense for which the offender has been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication. After September 1, 2008 children will not be permitted to visit an offender who is restricted from having contact visits with children under the age of 17 until the affidavit is completed. Forms will be available in visitation areas.

Thank you.