
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Prison Rules 1999

PART IV

PERSONS HAVING ACCESS TO A PRISON

Prohibited articles

70. No person shall, without authority, convey into or throw into or deposit in a prison, or convey or throw out of a prison, or convey to a prisoner, or deposit in any place with intent that it shall come into the possession of a prisoner, any money, clothing, food, drink, tobacco, letter, paper, book, tool, controlled drug, firearm, explosive, weapon or other article whatever. Anything so conveyed, thrown or deposited may be confiscated by the governor.

Control of persons and vehicles

71.—(1) Any person or vehicle entering or leaving a prison may be stopped, examined and searched. Any such search of a person shall be carried out in as seemly a manner as is consistent with discovering anything concealed.

(2) The governor may direct the removal from a prison of any person who does not leave on being required to do so.

Viewing of prisons

72.—(1) No outside person shall be permitted to view a prison unless authorised by statute or the Secretary of State.

(2) No person viewing the prison shall be permitted to take a photograph, make a sketch or communicate with a prisoner unless authorised by statute or the Secretary of State.

Visitors

73.—(1) Without prejudice to any other powers to prohibit or restrict entry to prisons, and to his powers under rules 34 and 35, the Secretary of State may, with a view to securing discipline and good order or the prevention of crime or in the interests of any persons, impose prohibitions on visits by a person to a prison or to a prisoner in a prison for such periods of time as he considers necessary.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in relation to any visit to a prison or prisoner by a member of the board of visitors of the prison, or justice of the peace, or to prevent any visit by a legal adviser for the purposes of an interview under rule 38 or visit allowed by the board of visitors under rule 35(6).