



## Welcome to the Inmate Encounter SCHOOL of EVANGELISM

INMATE ENCOUNTER PRISON and JAIL MINISTRIES

# DO'S AND DON'TS

Basic Rules for safe, responsible, and approved behavior  
inside Corrections and Jail facilities



# DO

1. Respect ALL authority. Immediately obey instructions from Prison Staff and INMATE ENCOUNTER Coordinator.
2. Be familiar with INMATE ENCOUNTER materials and Schedule.
3. Tell your INMATE ENCOUNTER Coordinator if you have medication or health issues that need special attention.
4. Wear casual clothing. No shorts, tank tops, open toed shoes, or inappropriate attire.
5. Relax, mingle with inmates, be yourself. Never argue.  
Listen twice as much as you talk.
6. Eat with inmates when this is possible.
7. Focus on presenting the “What do You Think?”  
Evangelism tract.

**Your INMATE ENCOUNTER Coordinator will advise you on any other restrictions at your unit.**

# DON'T

1. Bring cameras, tape recorders, cellular phones, iPods, or any electronic devices.
2. Bring ANY unnecessary items such as extra clothing, billfolds, purses, knives, tools, etc.
3. RUN in or outside the facility.
4. Go into restricted areas or leave without approval from your INMATE ENCOUNTER Coordinator.
5. Ask inmates about their crimes, and absolutely do not discuss the death penalty.
6. ARGUE with anyone; criticize any “religion” or “lifestyle.”
7. Pass out anything except the approved materials your Coordinator has given you.
8. TALK during Programs.
9. Make promises you will not keep.
10. Give out your personal address or phone number.
11. Take Bibles larger than pocket size.

**Your INMATE ENCOUNTER Coordinator will brief you on other prison concerns; tobacco, hats, jewelry, cash, etc.**

**Our PURPOSE and FOCUS during this  
INMATE ENCOUNTER is BASIC EVANGELISM.**

**We all agree, a person must be “Born Again.”  
Keep it simple and in the middle of the road.**

Thank you for reviewing these important guidelines.

If you have any questions, please speak to an  
INMATE ENCOUNTER Coordinator or Director.

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