



## This is the Warden's House Prison Guidelines

*These guidelines may seem like "rules" to you, but they have come from Kairos' wisdom derived from years of experience inside the prison. Many of these guidelines come from the realization after not doing what is suggested how much a volunteer wished that they had not gotten started down a path that seemed OK at the beginning, but later they saw the "wisdom" of avoiding that particular path all together. So, think of these guidelines as the loving advice of an older brother or sister who wants the best for you and the ministry.*

### 1 Do Not smuggle anything into or out of the Prison

*You may not realize that you are smuggling when you bring anything (including posters, letters, notes, etc) in and it goes to a resident, or if your bring such things out from residents. Everything should be disclosed in advance to the administration.*

**Bring  
Nothing  
In or Out**

### 2 No Volunteer can be on a Visitation List

*Kairos volunteers are not allowed to serve in Kairos and also be on an inmate's visitation list.*

**No  
VISITATION  
ALLOWED**

### 3 No Metal or Glass Objects

*You are not allowed to bring metal (including notebooks with spiral bindings) or glass objects (including food seasoning bottles). Both metal and glass objects can be fashioned into weapons.*



**No Metal**

**No Glass**

### 4 Do Not Give or Accept Anything from a Resident

*This includes notes, addresses, phone numbers, magazines, photos, posters, birthday cards - nothing! You can include these things in the mail, and the prison will review your letter contents to determine if it is OK to pass it on to the resident. But, it is NOT OK to hand the material to a resident.*





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### 5 Do Not Purchase Anything from a Resident

*Not even through a prison approved procedure. Your relationship is a spiritual one, and it is most significant when money is not involved in any way.*



**Don't Purchase**

### 6 Do Not Pass Messages for Residents

*Never agree to pass messages from a resident to outsiders, or vice versa. You do not know the situation, and you may be passing a hidden message. The residents know that you are not supposed to do this. If you do it once, more and more will be asked of you in the future. It is best to never start.*

**Don't  
Pass  
Messages**



### 7 Do Not Mail Letters for Residents

*There is an approved process for a resident to mail a letter or package. If you take a letter and mail it for the resident, you are assisting in going around the prison's security review of mail.*



### 8 Religious Materials Must Come thru the Chaplain

*All religious materials that are to be given to a resident must be routed to the Chaplain, who will make the appropriate arrangement to get the materials to the resident after review. This includes devotionals, neat internet stuff, and even Bibles.*

**Religious  
Materials**  
GO TO THE  
*Chaplain*

### 9 Honor the Warden's Authority

*You are an invited guest in the Warden's "house." The Warden has the authority to set the rules and procedures for his/her house. Do not resist or complain about their rules, or you may not be invited back to their house!*



**The  
Warden's  
House...**

**Not  
Ours**