
Chapter: **Searches and Contraband**

Classification: **Public Document**

Subject: **Contraband – Reading, Audio and/or Video Materials**

For: **All Custody**


Authorized by the Executive Director

Policy

- 1 Individuals in custody will normally have access to reading and viewing material legally sold in Nova Scotia.
- 2 In accordance with section 62 of the *Correctional Services Regulations*, Correctional Services must prohibit entry into facilities and consider as contraband any reading materials, audio and/or visual materials, film, computer programs or other items that are considered prohibited.
- 3 Reading, audio and/or video materials identified as contraband must be processed in accordance with Policy and Procedures, Subjects 39.06.00, [Contraband](#) and 39.08.00, [Contraband Disposal](#).

Prohibited Materials

- 4 The superintendent must prohibit entry into the facility of any item identified in Section 1.2 that on reasonable grounds is believed to contain material that
 - (a) creates or could create a hostile environment in the correctional facility or is otherwise exploitative or discriminatory
 - (b) is child pornography, or is obscene in that its dominant characteristic is the undue exploitation of sex, or sex in conjunction with a crime, horror, cruelty or violence
 - (c) advocates or promotes genocide or hatred of an identifiable group distinguished by colour, race, religion, ethnic origin, gender or sexual orientation
 - (d) portrays excessive violence and aggression, or correctional facility violence, which could initiate individuals to commit similar acts
 - (e) promotes gang culture or a gang lifestyle
 - (f) reading material, audio and/or visual material, film, computer program or other item that contains information on the fabrication of weapons or bombs, or the commission of criminal acts
- 5 Procedures for processing in-coming and out-going mail and other property for individuals in custody will include procedures for screening prohibited reading material, audio and/or visual material, film, computer program or other items from entering or leaving the facility.