

RELIGIOUS PERSONAL PROPERTY MATRIX (RPPM)

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RELIGIOUS PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR LEVEL I, II, III, IV, CAMPS, AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES INMATES

1. PURPOSE: THE RELIGIOUS PERSONAL PROPERTY MATRIX APPLIES TO BOTH MALE AND FEMALE INMATES, AND REFLECTS PERSONAL RELIGIOUS PROPERTY THAT INMATES MAY POSSESS. CONGREGATE / GROUP RELIGIOUS ITEMS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE LOCAL RELIGIOUS REVIEW COMMITTEE (RRC).

2. RELIGIOUS TEXTS: (E.G., TORAH, HOLY QURAN, VEDAS, POETIC EDDA, BIBLE, ETC.) SHALL BE PERMITTED AS AUTHORIZED IN CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS (CCR), TITLE 15, SECTION 3190(l)(7). THE NUMBER OF TEXTS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE LIMIT ALLOWED BY THE AUTHORIZED PERSONAL PROPERTY SCHEDULE (APPS).

3. EXEMPTION REQUESTS: INMATES ARE PERMITTED PERSONAL RELIGIOUS ITEMS LISTED IN THIS MATRIX. FACILITIES MAY SUBMIT REQUESTS TO BE EXEMPTED FROM THE RELIGIOUS PERSONAL PROPERTY ITEMS DETAILED IN THIS MATRIX. REQUESTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF POLICY STANDARDIZATION, RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS OVERSIGHT UNIT WITH A COPY TO THE APPROPRIATE MISSION BASED ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR. ALL REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE RATIONALE AND SUPPORTING DATA.

4. COLOR RESTRICTIONS: ITEMS SHALL BE WHITE, GRAY OR MULTICOLORED ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. MULTICOLORED ITEMS SHALL HAVE WHITE OR GRAY AS THE PREDOMINANT COLOR. INMATES ARE PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING, USING, CREATING, OR WEARING PERSONAL RELIGIOUS ITEMS IN ANY PREDOMINANT SHADE OF GREEN, BLACK, BROWN, TAN, YELLOW, RED, OR BLUE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. MULTICOLORED ITEMS SHALL CONSIST OF THREE OR MORE COLORS AND NOT BE PREDOMINANTLY ONE OF THE RESTRICTED COLORS LISTED HEREIN.

5. RELIGIOUS CLOTHING: INMATES ARE PERMITTED TO WEAR AND POSSESS PERSONAL RELIGIOUS ITEMS AS INDICATED IN THIS MATRIX.

6. RELIGIOUS CLOTHING PROHIBITIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS: INMATES ARE PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING, USING, CREATING, OR WEARING PERSONAL RELIGIOUS CLOTHING:

- a. WITH HOODS, PICTURES, ZIPPERS, OR INSIDE POCKETS.
- b. WITH ANY DESIGN, SIGN, SYMBOL, OR ILLUSTRATION IDENTIFIED AS BEING ASSOCIATED WITH A SECURITY THREAT GROUP.
- c. WHICH ARE OBSCENE, AS DESCRIBED IN CCR, TITLE 15 SECTION 3008, OR WHICH HAVE LOGOS, MESSAGES, LETTERING, PICTURES WHICH ADVERTISE OR DEPICT ALCOHOL, SECURITY THREAT GROUPS, PROFANITY, SEX, WEAPONS, DRUGS, OR DRUG PARAPHERNALIA.
- d. DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE OPPOSITE SEX, UNLESS IDENTIFIED AND DOCUMENTED AS TRANSGENDER. TRANSGENDER WOMEN HOUSED IN MALE INSTITUTIONS ARE AUTHORIZED TO POSSESS AND PURCHASE FEMALE HEADGEAR, AND TRANSGENDER MEN HOUSED IN FEMALE INSTITUTIONS ARE AUTHORIZED TO POSSESS AND PURCHASE MALE HEADGEAR.

7. ITEM USE LIMITATIONS: THESE ITEMS CANNOT BE WORN WHEN LEAVING INSTITUTION GROUNDS.

8. INMATE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS: INMATE REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL RELIGIOUS PERSONAL PROPERTY ITEMS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LOCAL RELIGIOUS REVIEW COMMITTEE (RCC) UTILIZING FORM CDCR 2279 (Rev. 10/21), RELIGIOUS PERSONAL PROPERTY MATRIX (RPPM) REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ITEM. THE RRC WILL FORWARD THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATEWIDE RELIGIOUS REVIEW COMMITTEE.

9. CONSIDERATIONS: DETERMINATIONS CONCERNING RELIGIOUS PERSONAL PROPERTY ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL INMATES IN SPECIALIZED HOUSING UNITS OR PROGRAMS (ASU, PSU, SHU, RHU, and RC) MAY BE MADE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, BASED UPON THE INMATE'S BEHAVIOR, MENTAL HEALTH STATUS, SAFETY OR SECURITY NEEDS. DECISIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE RESPECTIVE HIRING AUTHORITIES OR DESIGNEES.

10. RESTRICTION OF APPROVED ITEMS: THE INSTITUTION HEAD OR DESIGNEE RETAINS THE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE OR RESTRICT USE OF AN APPROVED RELIGIOUS ITEM BASED ON A SERIOUS THREAT TO FACILITY SECURITY OR TO THE SAFETY OF INMATES AND STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH CCR, TITLE 15, SUBSECTION 3213(e). ANY MISUSE OF MATERIALS MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF PRIVILEGE.

Item Description With additional requirements and restrictions.	General Population	RHU ASU, PSU,SHU
	PRIVILEGE GROUP	
	A, B, C Quantity	D Quantity
ALTAR CLOTH – Size not to exceed 36" x 24" or 914.4 millimeters [mm.] x 609.6 mm. Refer to color restrictions (Page 1, Item 4).	1	1
BEADED HEAD BAND, WRIST BAND, AND CHOKER –Item shall not exceed 1" or 25.4 mm. in width. Refer to Beading Materials. Refer to color restrictions (Page 1, Item 4). Refer to item use limitations. (Page 2, Item 7).	1 ea.	0
BEADING MATERIALS – Beads may be wood, plastic, or natural material (e.g., stone, bone, seed, etc.) no larger than ¼" diameter x ½" length or 6.35 mm. x 12.7 mm. Total quantity not to exceed: 12 hanks (approximately 17 ounces). Sinew or string in rolls not to exceed 75 yards in length. Needles quantity not to exceed 5 per inmate, size 10 or 12, not to exceed 2" or 304.8 mm. in length. Barrel clasps gold or silver in color only, size not to exceed 10 mm. x 5 mm. Quantity not to exceed 10 pieces. Beads may be any color but finished items shall be in accordance with color restrictions (Page 1, Item 4).	As Specified	0
BOWL, CHALICE, HANDWASHING CUP – 4" or 101.6 mm. diameter wood or soft-pliable plastic. Items which are fabricated in a hard plastic (e.g., acrylic, high-density polyethylene, etc.) are not authorized.	2	0
CARRYING BAGS – Quantity not to exceed three small (5" x 7" or 127 mm. x 178 mm.) clear plastic or vinyl bags, and two large (10" x 14" or 254 mm. x 355.6 mm.) clear plastic or vinyl bags. May be re-sealable, no zippers. May only be carried to and from housing unit for authorized religious activities.	3 Small 2 Large	0
CLAY PROSTRATION TABLET – Non-glazed clay. Not to exceed 2" x 2" or 50.8 mm. x 50.8 mm.	1	0
CLOTHING: HEADGEAR – Females – Including, but not limited to: scarf, hijab, bandanna. Not to exceed 44" x 66" or 1117.6 mm. x 1676.4 mm. in length. Refer to color restrictions (Page 1, Item 4). Transgender inmates, refer to religious clothing prohibitions (Page 2, Item 6d).	2	2
CLOTHING: HEADGEAR – Males – Including, but not limited to: yarmulke (kippah), kufi, bandanna, fez, patka, Rastafarian crown, scarf. Not to exceed 24" x 24" or 609.6 mm. x 609.6 mm. Refer to Color Restrictions (Page 1, Item 4). Refer to Item	2	2

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Use Limitations (Page 2, Item 7). Transgender inmates, refer to religious clothing prohibitions (Page 2, Item 6d).		
CLOTHING: PRAYER SHAWL – (e.g., Tallit, khatas, etc.) Not to exceed 50" x 72" or 1270 mm. x 1830 mm. White or gray only. May have decorative embroidery stripes that are black, blue or gray and trims or tassels that are white or gray only. Prayer shawls or scarf to be worn in inmate bed area or authorized religious activity areas only. Purchase price not to exceed \$150.	1	1
CLOTHING: RAKUSU – Rakusu kits are acceptable. No backing, lining, or pockets. May be worn in inmate bed area or authorized religious activity areas only. Purchase price not to exceed \$100. White or gray only.	1	1
CLOTHING: TALLIT-KATAN/TSITSIT – Worn under the shirt. Value not to exceed \$100. White or gray only.	3	1
COMPACT DISCS (CDs) RELIGIOUS – Factory sealed, pre-recorded only. Purchase from approved religious vendor catalogs only. Sets including DVDs shall not be permitted. Possession of a player is not required. Limit of 10 inclusive and not in addition to the quantity of CDs approved in the Approved Personal Property Schedule (APPS).	10	0
DEVOTIONAL SCAPULAR – Cloth only, not to exceed 2" x 2" or 50.8 mm. x 50.8 mm, cord not to exceed 24" or 609.6 mm. in length.	1	1
DREAM CATCHER AND/OR MEDICINE WHEEL – Shall be constructed of wood or plastic, not to exceed 5" or 127 mm. Hoop may be wrapped with sinew, simulated sinew or ribbon. Shall be used in inmate bed area or designated worship areas only. May be received as a pre-assembled kit or finished item. Color of Medicine Wheel may be equal parts white, red, yellow and black. For color of dream catcher, refer to color restrictions (Page 1, Item 4). Refer to item use limitation (Page 2, Item 7).	1	0
FEATHERS – Bird feathers are not to exceed 16" or 406.4 mm. in length. Eagle feathers may be obtained only via the U.S. Department of the Interior and only by a member of a recognized Native American tribe.	12	0
HERBS – Mint, cedar, lavender, sweet grass, white sage, spearmint, peppermint, rosemary, common thyme, bitterroot, copal, willow leaves, bear root, and sandalwood. Combined total quantity not to exceed 4 oz. or 118.3 millileters [ml.]. Must be dried and loose.	4 oz.	0
MISWAK – Small twig, not to exceed 8", used for oral hygiene.	10	0
POWDERS (Drawing powder) – Limited to eggshell powder. Total quantity not to exceed 4 oz. or 118.3 ml.	4 oz.	0

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PRAYER BEADS – Including, but not limited to, mala, dhikr, or rosary. Chain, sinew, or string not to exceed 24" or 609.6 mm. Refer to Beading Materials (Page 3). Purchase price not to exceed \$50 Refer to color restrictions (Page 1, Item 4).	1	0
PRAYER, HOLY CARDS, DEITY PHOTOS – Not to exceed 8" x 10" or 203.4 mm. x 254 mm.	10	10
PRAYER OILS – (Non-alcoholic, non-flammable oil). Allowable fragrances include kyphi, frankinmyrrh, sage, cedar, Arabian musk, Egyptian musk, lavender, sandalwood, and rose. Combined total quantity not to exceed 4 oz. or 118.3 ml. Oils, bottles and labels must be clear or transparent. Oil bottles are to be shrink-wrapped when received from the vendor.	4 oz.	0
PRAYER RUG OR MAT – 28" x 48" or 711.2 mm. x 1219.2 mm. or smaller, not to exceed ¼" or 6.35 mm. thick fabric. Refer to color restrictions (Page 1, Item 4).	1	1
RELIGIOUS MEDALLION AND CHAIN – Medallion (including, but not limited to, Cross, Crucifix, Medicine Wheel, pentagram, rosette, Star of David, Thor's hammer) not to exceed 1.5" or 38.1 mm. in diameter. Chain, leather, sinew (sinew may be beaded) not to exceed 24" or 609.6 mm. in length, not to exceed 3/16" or 4.8 mm. in diameter, individual links not to exceed 3/16" or 4.8 mm. in diameter. Obtainable as a set only. Purchase price not to exceed \$100. May be worn either inside or outside of the shirt. Refer to item use limitations (Page 2, Item 7).	1 Set	1 Set
SEA SALT – White or black. Combined total quantity not to exceed 4 oz. or 118.3 ml.	4 oz.	0
SEA SHELLS – Not to exceed ½" or 12.7 mm. in diameter. One package of 18 shells. Refer to color restrictions (Page 1, Item 4).	1 Set	0
SPIRITUAL BAG – Including, but not limited to: medicine bag or rune bag. Bag not to exceed 2" x 3" or 50.8 mm. x 76.2 mm. Soft leather or cloth without a liner. Length of cord not to exceed 24" or 609.6 mm. May be worn either inside or outside of the shirt. Color may be natural leather or as specified in color restrictions (Page 1, Item 4). Refer to item use limitations (Page 2, Item 7).	1	0
STONES – Set of 5, not to exceed 1" or 25.4 mm. in diameter, or set of 10, not to exceed ½" or 12.7 mm. in diameter. Stones may include carved statue images (i.e., Buddha, Jesus, Mary). No sharp edges or made of obsidian.	1 Set	0
TAROT, DIVINATION, RUNE CARDS – One set or deck per inmate.	1 Set	1 Set
TEFILLIN, PHYLACTERIES – Purchase price not to exceed \$380. Carrying bag shall be clear plastic or vinyl only. May be x-rayed for inspection.	1	0
TILES – (i.e., runes) not to exceed 1"x1" or 25.4 mm. x 25.4 mm. May include instruction book. Set not to exceed 25 pieces. Tiles shall be wood, plastic, or natural material (e.g., bone, stone, etc.). Refer to color restrictions (Page 1, Item 4).	1 Set	0

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WAND - Soft wood, pliable twig, not to exceed 1/2" wide by 7 1/2" long or 12.7 mm. x 190.5 mm.	1	0