

Appendix N. Digest of Laws Related to Association with Prison Inmates

Custodial crews can be an excellent source of labor on trail projects. Inmate fire crews, county jail work programs, and youth authority crews can provide large crews of trained, fit workers. When working with such crews, it is essential that all staff that have contact with them be trained in the legal aspects of dealing with inmates. Following are the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Inmate Crews used by the California Department of Corrections (CDC) and CalFire. Prior to working with inmate crews, staff must receive a one day training course from CDC and CalFire and sign this document.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
PERTAINING TO INMATE CREWS**

1. Do not assist any inmate to escape (Section 4534, Penal Code).
2. Do not allow or assist any inmate to communicate in any manner with outsiders.
3. Do not accept from or deliver to an inmate any letter, message, or package.
4. Do not permit former inmates or persons of disreputable character to associate with other inmates or interfere with inmate activity. Visitors must conform to rules stipulated by the officer in charge of custody.
5. Do not allow inmate to use a telephone, cell phone, or any other communication instrument.
6. Do not allow any person not associated with the inmate camp program to associate with inmates or interfere with inmate activity. Visitors must conform to rules stipulated by officer in charge of custody.
7. Do not give or promise to give, trade, barter, or accept from any inmate, any coin, gift, hobby wood or personal service.
8. Do not, in any way, contact or communicate with families or known associates of inmates for any purpose.
9. No individual shall strike or lay hands on an inmate unless it is defense of himself, or unless it is necessary to prevent serious injury to person or property
10. No sponsoring agency personnel shall become involved in the personal affairs of inmates or former inmates.
11. No personally owned firearms are permitted to be kept in the area where inmates are working.
12. Do not bring guns, explosives, or any object that may be obviously classed as weapons.
13. Do not bring any drug, narcotic, tobacco, or alcoholic beverage to an area where inmates may be present.
14. Do not bring any food or beverages to give to inmates.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE RULES, UNDERSTAND THEM AND WILL COMPLY WITH THEM.

ORGANIZATION:

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____