

TO: All Visitors  
FROM: Chief Warden Dooley  
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RE: Contraband in Prisons

First, I'd like to thank you for your coming to our facility to visit. Maintaining contact with family and friends is extremely important to the inmates and is invaluable in helping them adjust and transition back to the community. I hope your visit will prove to be quality time spent with your loved one.

The South Dakota Department of Corrections offers several self-improvement programs for inmates, some are mandatory, others discretionary. The curriculum of these programs is designed to help the offenders prepare themselves for release and give them a chance to be successful when they return home. Most inmates take advantage of this opportunity to better themselves. However, some choose to get involved with bringing contraband into the prison, which results in some serious setbacks. These setbacks can include criminal charges, which will extend the inmate's time in prison.

Unfortunately, visitors are sometimes involved with introducing contraband into DOC facilities. Not only is this a felony for the offender but for the visitor as well. The contraband that is introduced can also be very dangerous. The compounds in illegal drugs such as K-2 are often altered by the manufacturer so even those making the drug do not know what affect it will have on the user. As a result, ingestion can be life threatening.

Anyone considering bringing drugs or other contraband into a DOC facility is urged to think twice about the possible consequences before becoming involved.