



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In the course of our review, we have identified and developed principles that we believe should guide Corrections in its work and that we have used in considering issues and recommendations. They are as follows:

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- + Inmates are sent to jail as punishment, not for punishment.
- + Inmates retain all of the rights, both domestic and international, of free citizens except those rights that are necessarily limited as a result of incarceration.
- + Inmates are to be treated fairly and in accordance with law.
- + Inmates and Corrections are responsible for their actions and the reasonable consequences thereof.
- + Inmates are entitled to reasonable and respectful treatment consequent on their inherent dignity and value as human beings.
- + Inmates are entitled to equivalent conditions and privileges irrespective of the specific provincial correctional center in which they serve their sentences or are held, except where differences can be reasonably justified.
- + Remanded inmates are entitled to conditions of custody at least as favorable as those of sentenced inmates.
- + Inmates of aboriginal ancestry are entitled to recognition of their distinct identity, and, with due regard to safety and security, to practice and promote their cultural traditions.
- + Inmates are entitled to the least restrictive measures necessary to maintain the security of the institution and the safety of inmates and staff.
- + Corrections is obligated to ensure that its employees have the training and resources necessary to meet their responsibilities.
- + Corrections has a responsibility to the community to maximize its efforts to rehabilitate and reintegrate inmates.