



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION**



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I. PURPOSE

This Directive is promulgated to set forth Department policy and procedures regarding the possession and use of the Tefilin by male inmates of the Jewish faith.

II. POLICY

The Department shall allow male inmates of the Jewish faith to receive, possess and use the Tefilin.

III. DEFINITION

The Tefilin are sacred religious objects used during morning prayer.

IV. DESCRIPTION

The Tefilin consist of two (2) separate leather boxes, stitched closed, with leather straps attached to them. One box is worn on the head of the believer with the straps wrapped around the head and the other is worn on the forearm with the straps wrapped around the length of the hand.

The Tefilin are sacred objects containing portions from scripture written on parchment and placed in the leather boxes.

V. PROCEDURE

- A. The Tefilin is used every morning by male inmates of the Jewish faith except on Saturdays and Jewish holy days.
- B. Inmates shall be permitted to have the Tefilin as part of their personal possessions.

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V. PROCEDURE (cont.)

- C. During a search of an inmate who has a Tefilin, it should be searched in the same manner for searching the Qur'an, as outlined in Directive 4508 - CONTROL OF AND SEARCH FOR CONTRABAND.
- D. Should the physical inspection of the Tefilin indicate that the seal has been tampered with (the threads have been broken), it shall be confiscated and a request that it be inspected is made to the facility rabbi.
- E. The Deputy Warden for Programs shall ensure that the provisions contained herein are complied with. In addition, security concerns shall be reviewed with the Deputy Warden for Security whenever necessary.

VI. REFERENCES

- A. Directive #3251 - FACILITY RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES, dated 8/26/82.
- B. Directive #3252 - CONGREGATE RELIGIOUS SERVICES, dated 4/19/85.
- C. Directive #4508 - CONTROL OF AND SEARCH FOR CONTRABAND. dated 6/30/92.
- D. Board of Correction, MINIMUM STANDARDS, Part 8 - Religion.

VII. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Commanding Officers shall promulgate Institutional Orders.