

ADAMS COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY MAIL POLICY

Incoming/outgoing mail may be opened and scanned by mailroom staff/deputies with the exception of legal/privileged mail which shall be opened in the presence of the inmate. Non-legal mail may be copied at the directive of the in-house Detective.

Inmates may send and receive unlimited pieces of mail subject to the following rules.

Mailing Instructions

Address letters correctly and legibly to ensure accurate delivery. The proper mailing address for incoming mail and the return address for outgoing mail, is:

Inmate name
Booking ID number
Adams County Detention Facility
PO Box 5001
Brighton, CO 80601

If sending mail by overnight express, please use United States Postal Service Express Mail, as mail is picked up at the Post Office every weekday (excluding holidays). This will ensure prompt delivery. All mail should be sent via United States Postal Service; any mail left at the front desk, either by an inmate or outside visitor, will be returned to sender or destroyed if there is no return address. Mail cannot be picked up from the front desk.

Publications

Non-local newspaper subscriptions may be ordered by family/friends with delivery directly to the facility by the news agency. The newspaper must have both the inmate's full name and booking number, or it will be rejected. It is up to the person arranging the subscription to ensure the addressee information is correct. Content that threatens security will be rejected. Papers shall be disposed of 48 hours after arrival.

*Magazines and magazine subscriptions are not allowed.

Publications must be paperback from not-for-profit charitable organizations sent directly from the organization or new, unused non-fiction (factual), paperback books mailed directly from the seller/distributor. Each publication may not be any larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches and weigh no more than 5 lbs. Books that do not comply with the ACDF mail policy will be rejected. Two books may be mailed in at a time and each inmate may only have four books in their possession at any given time. Inmates may choose to donate excess books to the ACDF Inmate Library. Specific subject matter that may pose a threat to the safety, security, or orderly operation of the Facility will not be permitted. If you have specific questions related to whether or not material will be permitted, please contact the detention facility (303) 654-1850.

Publications that are not compliant with ACDF policy will be returned to the sending organization or distributor within 14 days of arrival at ACDF. A notice of rejection will be included with the rejected publication and will state the reason for the rejection. Inmates will also receive notice of the rejection and the reason for it. The sending organization or distributor may initiate an appeal process by emailing ACSOMailAppeal@adcogov.org within 21 days of the date the rejected mailing was placed in the mail. An ACDF representative will respond in writing (via email response) to the appeal within 21 days of receipt. This response will provide the result of the appeal, the basis for the determination and the name of the decision-maker. Publications will be disposed of if there is no return address on the package/item.

Staples, easily removable stickers, blank business reply envelopes with no pre-printed address and similar prohibited items which are easily removed will be automatically removed when the mail comes in.

General Mail

General mail that is not compliant with ACDF policy will be rejected in its entirety and be returned to the sending party within 14 days of arriving at the detention facility. The notice of rejection will be included with the rejected mail along with the reason for the rejection. Inmates will also receive notice of the rejection and reason for it. The sending party may initiate an appeal process by emailing ACSOMailAppeal@adcogov.org

within 21 days of the date the rejection is mailed to the sender. An ACDF representative will respond in writing (via email response) to the appeal within 21 days of receipt. This response will provide the result of the appeal, the basis for the determination and the name of the decision-maker. Mail will be disposed of if there is no return address on the envelope.

Once an inmate has been released or transferred, all incoming mail will be returned to the sender. Mail will not be forwarded. If no return address is provided, mail will be destroyed.

Adams County Detention Facility is not responsible for delays or errors on the part of the US Postal Service in the daily delivery of mail. Often, senders will receive a message that mail has been delivered, but that does not mean that it has arrived at ACDF. That means it has been scanned at the USPS facility.

All return addresses **must be handwritten** unless from a commercial, non-profit, or governmental entity. General mail coming from a commercial, non-profit, or governmental entity will not be rejected for having a return address label, but the original label will not be provided to the inmate.

Inmates may receive ten photos or ten pages of computer-generated photos up to 8 by 10 in size.

Inmates may receive up to ten pages of internet material including (cannot be torn from a book):

1. Jokes
2. Articles
3. Puzzles or coloring pages

Contraband Items

All incoming general mail shall be inspected for contraband and may be scanned by mailroom staff/deputies and/or copied by mailroom staff at the directive of the in-house detective. Introduction of contraband into the Facility is a violation of the law.

Contraband items include, but are not limited to:

1. Tobacco and/or flame producing devices
2. Stationary items (postage stamps, paper, envelopes, metal fasteners, pens, pencils, stickers, address labels, musical greeting cards, greeting cards larger than 8x11 when opened, cardboard)
3. Jewelry/beads
4. Consumable Items - Food /candy/gum
5. Phone cards/Gift cards/Money cards
6. Polaroid photos
7. Laminated/plastic coated items
8. Foreign Substances: (e.g. bodily fluids or unknown/foreign substance on the envelope or its contents (lipstick, lip gloss, perfumes, cosmetics, all stains)
9. Photos or drawings depicting characters or people that are sexually suggestive, lewd, or engaging in illegal acts or drug use.
10. Any item that shows nudity or partial nudity (includes adults and children of all ages).
11. Gang material including perceived gang signs/symbols
12. Originals/photo copies of social security cards, birth/death certificates, driver's license, vehicle titles or bill of sale
13. Cash and/or personal checks – Will be returned immediately to the sender
14. Homemade craft items
15. Items that include any of the following: bows, ribbons, foam, tape, cords, metal or mirror pieces, jewels, stones, glue or glued items, wax, glitter.
16. Photocopies/pages/clippings of books, magazines, and/or newspapers
17. 3rd Party Mail (Mail sent out of the Facility and sent back in to a different inmate).
18. An inmate may not send out mail under a different inmate's name and/or booking number.
19. Any material which by its nature or content poses a threat to safety, security, order, control, or discipline of Detention Facility or facilitates criminal activity.

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Mail Appeal Email: ACSOMailAppeal@adcogov.org

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