

	Oregon Department of Corrections Religious Services Procedure
Subject:	Approved Religious Property: All Special Housing
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Procedure:

This memo outlines the authorized use of personal religious property for all special housing populations (i.e.: Disciplinary Segregation, Intensive Management Unit, and Special Management Unit). The memo will be updated periodically. For any additional policies that are specific to your institution please see your chaplain.

Medallions/Pendants* *(see implementation note 6. for clarification)*

Buddhist medallion (approved but not yet available on canteen)

Catholic Saint Christopher pendant

Catholic Cross with Christ figure pendant

Multiple Traditions Pentacle medallion

Multiple Traditions Thor's Hammer pendant

Jewish Star of David pendant

Jewish Phylactery pendant

Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Choose the Right medallion (CTR letters)

Christian Cross without Christ figure pendant

Islamic Star/Crescent medallion

Private Worship Aids

Prayer Feather(s)	Native American
Medicine Bag **	Native American
Spiritual Journal (also known as "Book of Shadows")	Multiple Traditions
Rune Stones - Fulkharth version (Birch wood w/o black cloth bag)***	Multiple Traditions
Rune cards - Haindl version	Multiple Traditions
Tarot cards - Ryder Waite version.....	Multiple Traditions
Tarot cards - Thoth version	Multiple Traditions
<i>Wooden Wand (with staff approval, other material, such as a piece of wood or a rolled piece of paper, may be used in special housing in lieu of a wand)</i>	Multiple Traditions
Salt ****	Multiple Traditions
Water.....	Multiple Traditions
Small Bowl *****	Multiple Traditions

¹ Approved at the Institution Security Managers meeting, September 7, 2005.

White Feather	Multiple Traditions
Purple Altar Cloth w/Pentacle	Multiple Traditions
Plain White Altar Cloth.....	Multiple Traditions
Prayer Rug	Islamic
Two soft-cover spiritual/religious books from personal property	Multiple Traditions

Religious Clothing

Koofi Cap (white)	Islamic
Takya Cap (white)	Islamic
Yarmulke Cap (white)	Jewish
Headband (plain white cloth)	Native American

- * chain must be removed
- ** long thong replaced by small tie strap
- *** clear plastic baggie supplied from housing unit
- **** packets supplied from housing unit
- ***** paper version supplied through Food Services

Implementation Notes:

1. Items authorized only for private, in-cell religious observance.
2. Items authorized only to be used in a manner consistent with the purpose of the item. Misuse of items will result in confiscation in accordance with Personal Property (Inmate).
3. All religious items are subject to inspection while showing proper respect. When possible, inmates (not staff) should handle the item and display it to the inspector.
4. Native American inmates (not staff) should handle their medicine bags and prayer feathers during a search and display them to the inspector. Native American medicine bags and prayer feathers are sacred items in themselves and other people should not touch them if at all possible. Contents of medicine bags should be emptied onto a clean sheet of paper (away from any wind) by the inmate. If there is no contraband in the medicine bag the inmate should also replace the contents of the bag. Native American medicine bags usually contain small earth items such as stones, very small amounts of tobacco (can only be issued by a chaplain or volunteer), herbs, or animal hair/bones.
5. Islamic prayer rugs must be rolled up and stored in cell or bunk area when not in use at prayer times. Muslims may also wear modesty shorts (men) or robes (women) while showering.
6. For the purpose of this list a medallion is sold without a chain, a pendant is a medallion sold with chain.