

Visiting Information

Eastern Oregon Youth Correctional Facility

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Visits are an important way for the youth in our custody to stay connected with family. This guide will help you know the rules so that you can visit safely, comfortably, and without disruption.

Request to be on your youth's OYA Approved Visitor List:

- 1 Turn in a Request to Visit form.** You can get this form from our staff or online at: oregon.gov/oya/eastern. Please turn in the form at least two weeks **before** you visit, so that we have time to process your request.
- 2 OYA uses the information on your form to do a criminal background check.** If you have an arrest or conviction, it does not always mean you cannot come into the facility — it depends on your situation. If you have an active warrant, we will not let you inside.
- 3 If you are approved, we will put you on your youth's OYA Approved Visitor List.** We cannot let anyone visit who is not on this list. Check with your youth's case coordinator to see if you have been approved.

If you're already on your youth's OYA Approved Visitor List:

Once you are approved, you are ready to schedule a visit!

When is visiting time?

Saturdays
1-4 p.m.

Sundays
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Visits must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance.

To schedule a visit, call 541-573-3133.

Who is allowed to visit?

Typically, family members and other supportive people may visit once they are approved.

Children younger than 18 may visit with approval. If applicable, youth in our custody must take a polygraph test, may need to go through the victim clarification process, and must have the approval of their treatment team before they are allowed to have visits with minors. If you're not sure whether this rule applies to your youth, please ask their living unit manager. Minors who visit must be supervised by a parent or guardian who is 18 or older.

Are any youth not able to have visits?

If your youth is in medical isolation with COVID, they may not have visits. They may also be restricted from visits if their living unit is having a COVID-19 outbreak.

Check with your youth's case coordinator for more information.

What happens at visitation?

FIRST: Check in.

- 1 Check in at the visitation entrance.** All visitors age 13 and older must show a photo ID.
- 2 Wash your hands, check for COVID symptoms, and take your temperature.** If you have symptoms of illness (cough, fever, muscle pain, shortness of breath, chills, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell), we cannot let you inside.
- 3 You will have to clear a metal detector before going inside.** This is to make sure that you, your youth, and everyone inside is safe. If you are not able to clear the metal detector, you will not be allowed to visit.

➔ **NOTE: You may be required to wear a face covering.** If face coverings are required on the day you visit, we will not be able to let you inside without one. This is to protect all youth living inside from getting COVID-19.

SECOND: Enjoy your visit!

Most visits happen in Eastern's visiting room. Visitors and youth sit together at tables.

We have games available for you to play with your youth during the visit.

Once you are inside the visiting area, please stay there until the end of your visit. If you do have to go outside for any reason, you will have to clear the metal detector again before coming back in.



Visiting Area

Important things to remember:

Please review our clothing rules inside this brochure to make sure your clothing is appropriate before you arrive. This will save you time at check-in and allow you to start your visit quicker.

Be respectful to staff, youth, and other visitors. This includes following staff directions, using appropriate language, and not talking with other youth or families, other than a casual greeting. We work hard to create a positive, family-friendly environment at visitation. We want everyone to feel that they are safe, their privacy is respected, and they can enjoy their visit without disruptions.

Please limit physical contact with your youth to a short embrace at the beginning and end of the visit. Again, this is to make sure visiting is a positive, family-friendly experience for everyone.



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Phone: 541-573-3133

Online:

oregon.gov/oya/eastern

What to bring, what not to bring, and what to wear

You may bring these items inside our facility:



Mask/face covering



Money for your youth's account:

At visiting, you may only give this to staff, not to your youth. We accept cash, checks, or money orders. You also may mail money to your youth. We do not recommend mailing cash. Checks or money orders should be made out to Oregon Youth Authority with your youth's name in the memo line.



Basic items for an infant: one diaper, wipes, one empty plastic baby bottle, and a small amount of formula or sealed baby food. No glass containers.

- Nursing mothers: talk with visitation staff about options.

You may NOT bring these items inside our facility: They can cause safety and security issues, and they can potentially harm a youth's treatment.



Weapons or potential weapons



Cameras or audio/video recorders



Backpacks or briefcases

Storage available for these items

These items also are not allowed inside, but you may leave them in the unlocked storage cubbies outside the visiting area. We recommend leaving personal items in your locked vehicle.



Current photo ID (required if you are 13 or older)



Cell phones, watch phones, and other devices that connect to the internet



Vehicle key and remote



Wallets and purses



Life-sustaining medicine for yourself, such as an inhaler (must be in original container or box with prescription label)



Tobacco, marijuana, and vaping products (not allowed anywhere on the facility grounds)



Prescription drugs, unless they are life-sustaining



Illegal drugs or paraphernalia



Food or drinks



Water bottles

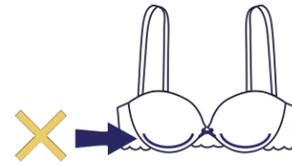


Packages or pictures (must be mailed)



Please do NOT wear these items:

They can cause safety and security issues, and they can potentially harm a youth's treatment. If OYA staff think your clothing is disruptive or inappropriate, we will not let you into Eastern.



Bras with an underwire (these may set off the metal detector)



Short shorts



Short skirts



Spaghetti strap shirts, tube tops, or any shirts that are too revealing



Fanny packs, money belts, or belts with compartments



Clothing that is torn in inappropriate places



Sheer, transparent, or mesh fabric (other than hosiery)



Messages that promote drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, pornography, nudity, gangs, or prejudice, or are demeaning to others

Important!

It is a Class C felony to provide contraband items to youth in custody or to bring those items into an OYA facility without authorization. (ORS 162.185)

- You are subject to a search at any time when you are inside our facility.
- You may not give anything to youth during your visit without staff permission.
- If you do not follow the rules about what you may wear, or you try to bring in items that are not allowed, we will not let you into the facility.

Why are there so many rules?

We want to make sure that you, your young person, our staff, and all the youth in our facility are safe. We are trying to create a positive, family-friendly environment at visitation. These rules help us keep everyone safe while allowing you to have your visit without disruption.