



ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES
AND PROCEDURES
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Department of Correction

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- I. AUTHORITY: TCA 4-3-603, TCA 4-3-606, TCA 41-21-227, TCA 41-21-239, and TCA 41-24-110.
- II. PURPOSE: To establish guidelines for granting inmate furlough privileges.
- III. APPLICATION: To all Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) and privately managed facilities employees and inmates.
- IV. DEFINITIONS:
 - A. Commissioner's Designee (CD): TDOC employee(s) authorized by the Commissioner to serve as the approving authority for specific actions occurring at privately managed facilities. In the absence of the CD, the contract monitor (CM) assigned to that facility will serve that function. In the absence of both the CD and CM at privately managed facilities, the necessary notification/request for authorization will be made by telephone to the CD. If the CD is not reachable via phone, the CM will be contacted. If both the CD and CM are unavailable by telephone, the ranking shift officer at Turney Center Industrial Prison (TCIP) shall be contacted for required authorizations or notifications.
 - B. Electronic Monitoring: Monitoring of an inmate's movements and location via electronic equipment when on an authorized release from the facility.
 - C. Furlough: A temporary and time-limited release from physical custody status.
 - D. Furlough Coordinator: Staff member(s) appointed by the Warden to coordinate furlough processing at each facility.
 - E. Immediate Family: Mother, father, husband, wife, children, grandchildren, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, and half siblings. With verification, stepparent(s) or legal guardian may be considered within this definition.
 - F. Pre-Release Inmate: An inmate recommended for parole who is not paroling to a detainer and who will reside within the state of Tennessee or any inmate who will expire his/her sentence within 30 days, does not have a felony detainer, and who plans to reside within the state of Tennessee upon release.
- V. POLICY: The TDOC may grant furloughs on an individual basis to inmates who meet the eligibility criteria and are approved by the Warden (CD at privately managed facilities).
- VI. PROCEDURES:
 - A. Furlough Privilege: Furloughs are a privilege and may be awarded only to those inmates with a record of behavior worthy of that privilege. The Warden (CD at privately managed facilities) may revoke or withhold furlough privileges. Additionally, furlough privileges may be revoked

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or withheld as a result of action taken by the disciplinary committee. Failure to comply with furlough conditions can result in disciplinary action as deemed appropriate for the violation per Policy #502.01.

- B. Inmates participating in a furlough shall be responsible for expenses incurred during the furlough. Expenses shall include, but not be limited to, transportation, lodging, meals, medical expenses incurred for non-emergency/non-life threatening conditions, etc. The inmate's signature releasing the TDOC from financial or other liability during the furlough shall also be included on the conditions of the furlough statement. Inmates shall also be responsible for the cost incurred for electronic monitoring. A Personal Withdrawal Request, CR-2727, will be signed and the money deducted from the inmate's trust fund account prior to the inmate leaving the facility for furlough.
- C. Furlough Requests and Processing: When any type of furlough is requested by an eligible inmate, Institution Travel (LCD4) shall be completed. The Warden/designee (CD at privately managed facilities) shall review and then enter the decision into Institution Travel (LCD4). If approved, travel document BI01D072 will be printed and signed by the Warden/designee (CD at privately managed facilities), inmate, and staff who have been designated to process furloughs. If disapproved, Institution Travel (LCD4) will be completed, screen printed, and reason(s) for disapproval shall be noted on the printout. A copy shall be forwarded to the inmate and the original shall be sent to the inmate institutional record (IIR) through the furlough coordinator.
- D. Inmates will be allowed to take their TDOC ID with them on furlough.
- E. Law Enforcement Notification: The chief law enforcement officer of the furlough destination (sheriff and/or chief of police) shall be notified by staff designated by the Warden at least five calendar days prior to the date of furlough departure of all inmates approved for furlough.
1. INFOPAC report BI01D082 shall be used for notification purposes for all inmates convicted of homicide offenses.
 2. INFOPAC report BI01D071 shall be used for notification purposes for all other inmates.
 3. In the event that an emergency furlough is granted based on the death or critical illness of an immediate family member, notification shall be made immediately. The appropriate notification form should be faxed, when possible, to the chief of the local law enforcement agency in the area of the furlough destination. The fax confirmation message should be attached to the file copy and placed in the IIR. If the fax transmission is not possible, telephone notification shall be made and documented on Contact Notes, (LCDG), using the code OLTC.
 4. All inmates must have the furlough form BI01D072 stamped, signed, etc., by an authorized representative in the law enforcement official's office of the county where the inmate is going. Upon return from furlough, the inmate must turn in the form showing that contact was made with the appropriate official. That document shall be filed in the IIR.

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- F. Pre-Release: All pre-release inmates may be granted up to one 48-hour furlough only for the purpose of securing employment and/or a place of residence upon release from confinement. In no event shall such a furlough be granted to an inmate after he/she has secured both employment and a place of residence. The following rules and criteria are applicable :
1. Furloughs shall be taken during the regular workweek between Monday and Friday only; holidays are excluded.
 2. The inmate must be within 30 days of a verified expiration of sentence release date or have been granted parole by the BOPP but has neither been able to develop a release plan nor have a release plan approved after a minimum of 30 days.
 3. Inmates shall be classified minimum restricted custody or less, have no history of escape, have no detainers, and have not been identified as sex offenders (current or prior).
 4. Inmates leaving the institution on a pre-release furlough will be monitored electronically via an approved TDOC system. The monitoring system will be set for the inmate's itinerary and parameters and will be fully explained to the inmate prior to leaving the institution.
 5. Requests for a furlough shall be submitted to the pre-release coordinator at least ten days prior to the furlough date. All requests shall be processed and finalized at least five days prior to the furlough date.
 6. Furlough expenses shall be the responsibility of the inmate. A withdrawal for up to \$50.00 may be processed ten working days prior to the date of the furlough departure. Upon return to the facility, the inmate must declare/relinquish any money that will be deposited back into his/her trust fund account and shall not exceed \$50.00.
 7. A member of the inmate's immediate family who is on the approved visitation list, a representative from an approved halfway house, or a volunteer approved by the Warden shall provide transportation both to and from the institution. In the event the family member is also the offenders' victim, the family member will not be eligible.
 8. The furlough may consist of interviews for either employment and/or housing. The inmate shall provide the pre-release coordinator with details of prospective employers and prospective housing arrangements.
 9. The pre-release coordinator shall follow up with the documented contact person to ensure that the inmate appeared at the interview and document the results of the interview on TOMIS Screen LCDG.
 10. A description of the vehicle and license tag number will be noted and kept in central control until the return of the inmate. The transporter will also provide a valid Tennessee driver's license and a copy will be kept on file. If the transporter has a cellular telephone, the pre-release coordinator shall obtain the number and verify that the telephone is in working order prior to departure.

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11. In the event of an accident/emergency, the transporter should call 911 for life-threatening emergencies and then shall contact the institution to report the situation. Each institution shall develop a Contact Information Sheet for the transporter that details institutional contact protocol and local law enforcement non-emergency contact information.
 12. All furlough returns will be strip searched and shall be drug tested.
 13. Inmates leaving on furlough will be allowed to wear state issue, non-stenciled clothing. The clothing will be collected upon return from the furlough and reissued upon release from incarceration.
- G. Emergency Furlough: Any inmate classified as minimum trusty custody may be granted up to a two day emergency furlough only if he/she has no more than one year until his/her release eligibility date (RED), future action date (FAD), expiration date (EXP) date, or sentence expiration and has served no less than one year in a TDOC facility on the current conviction. Emergency furloughs may be considered only in the event of a death or critical or terminal illness of an immediate family member. With the approval of the Warden, inmates granted an emergency furlough may be exempt from electronic monitoring unless they have a violent criminal history.
1. Verification of a death must be made through the funeral home or through the local coroner's office by designated institutional staff. Verification shall be documented and signed by verifying staff.
 2. Health services staff, the chaplain, or a designee must make verification of any critical or terminal illness with the staff or doctor of the hospital where the relative is being treated.
 3. In addition to completing the procedures outlined in Section VI.(C) of this policy, the furlough coordinator shall request and print INFOPAC reports BI01MAV, Emergency Travel Request, for all approved furloughs. This report shall be placed in Volume II of the IIR.
- H. Furlough Violation:
1. Failure to accomplish the purpose of the furlough (i.e., not going to a scheduled interview, spending the furlough at home instead of job/house hunting, etc.) or violation of furlough rules will result in disciplinary action.
 2. Any inmate committing a felony while on furlough shall be ineligible for further furlough consideration during the remainder of the current sentence, as is anyone with a pending charge or detainer.
 3. Inmates who do not return from furloughs at the appointed time shall be disciplined by the procedure set forth below:
 - a. Any individual who is up to three hours late shall be issued a disciplinary report for the offense of failure to return from pass/furlough (FTR) per Policy #502.05.



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
TRUST FUND ACCOUNT
PERSONAL WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

INSTITUTION

\$ _____

DATE: _____

PLEASE DEDUCT THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT FROM MY ACCOUNT:

_____ DOLLARS

THIS CHECK IS TO BE MAILED TO:

_____ NAME
STREET ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP

THE PURPOSE OF THIS WITHDRAWAL IS:

INMATE SIGNATURE

INMATE #

Building: _____
Room #: _____

WITNESSED: _____

APPROVED: YES NO

REASON FOR DENIAL: _____

WARDEN / DIRECTOR DESIGNEE

DATE

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