

# DID YOU KNOW...?

## COMMUNICATING WITH PRISONERS AT MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (MDOC)

MAIL REFERENCE:  
[MDOC POLICY DIRECTIVE  
05.03.118 PRISONER MAIL](#)

### CONFIDENTIALITY



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ALL mail will be opened, but with "special handling" the content shall not be read or skimmed.

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"Legal mail" will have special handling **if requested by the MDOC prisoner**. All future mail marked on the envelope as sent by a court, Friend of the Court, prosecuting attorney, or Attorney General shall be treated with special handling.

### RETURN ENVELOPES

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Meter-stamped (not adhesive), self-addressed enclosed envelopes will be provided to the prisoner. Any other envelopes will be discarded, as well as staples or paperclips.

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### INTERNET, EMAIL, PHONE

MDOC prisoners **do not have access to the internet**, including no access to MichiganLegalHelp.org, the MiChildSupport portal, or MiFILE.

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Due to lack of internet access, requested financial statements and motion forms **should be mailed**.

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Prisoners can usually send and receive email through the [JPay](#) system to registered users (costing the sender \$0.20 - \$0.25/page of message).

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Phone access (outgoing calls only) is limited and costs the prisoner \$0.14/minute.

