

Minnesota Department of Corrections Visiting Policy Change Notice:

In 2016, a Visiting Policy change will be implemented that prohibits visits between a person who is identified as a victim of an active offense and the perpetrating offender. This change in policy has been a collaborative effort by several Department of Corrections work units as well as input from victim advocates and victims of incarcerated offenders. This policy change will also ensure consistency with a standard condition of offenders release restricting contact between a victim and the offender. The revised policy will affect approximately 250 offenders and victims of their offenses currently incarcerated with the DOC.

Key dates:

March 1, 2016 - New Department of Corrections visiting applications will be denied if the applicant is identified as a victim of an active offense for the offender they are applying to visit.

June 27, 2016 - Victims that are currently visiting with an offender that perpetrated against them will no longer be allowed to visit.

Written notices of this Visiting Policy change will go to victims and offenders that are currently allowed to visit on January 11, 2016 and then to the general population on January 12, 2016.

Appeals by the victim shall be submitted to the warden of the facility where the offender resides and should follow the same appeal process that any other denied visitor is directed to follow. The offender cannot appeal this restriction.

A Frequently Asked Questions is attached.

Questions from offenders can be directed to the offender's case manager and questions from the visitor or members of the public should be directed to the Victim Assistance unit at 651.361.7250 or victimassistance.doc@state.mn.us