

HMP Humber

Visits Dress and Behaviour Code of Conduct

This Dress and Behaviour Code of Conduct has been written to offer the reader clarity regarding acceptable standards of dress and behaviour during your visits session at HMP Humber.

Our desire, is that everyone who visits HMP Humber, has an enjoyable experience and takes away a positive memory of their visit.

Conduct code.

Children – Children (any person under the age of 18 years) remain the responsibility of parent / carer during the visit and should not wander around the visits area or attend the canteen without a responsible adult.

Unless there are restrictions in place which disallow it, Children under the age of 12 will be allowed to sit on the lap of the prisoner they are visiting and prisoners will also be allowed to hold babies.

Children under the age of 12 should be escorted to the toilet or to the Quay café by their guardian / responsible adult.

Behaviour on a visit.

Inappropriate behaviour is defined as any behaviour that may present a risk to the security of the establishment or behaviour that is deemed as; discriminatory, indecent or threatening/abusive towards others.

All visitors and prisoners need to be aware that inappropriate physical/sexual interaction is prohibited and in some cases is a criminal act.

Staff have a duty to maintain the need for public decency within the visits hall, and to ensure that any person is not subjected to any inappropriate or indecent behaviour by any prisoner or visitor.

Prisoners will be allowed to embrace their visitors appropriately, unless they are on closed visits or subject to other restrictions.

Guidance as to what constitutes indecent behaviour is:

- Prolonged kissing
- Caressing of another person's torso or lower body region or physical exposure by either party of their chests, breasts or genitalia.

If a member of staff feels that a prisoner or visitor is acting inappropriately, their visit may be terminated and may result in them being banned or placed on closed visits for an appropriate period of time.

We understand that some prisoner's may not have had intimate contact with their visitor for a considerable period of time. However, it is important to recognise that the Visits Hall is a community area, which will at any time, contain multiple age groups, religious or other social beliefs. Our aim, is to provide a safe and decent environment, where each person in the Visits Hall, has a positive visit experience and does not feel embarrassed or offended by the behaviour of others.

Dress Code for Visitors

Visitors to HMP Humber must be dressed appropriately at all times, which will reflect in our aim to create a family atmosphere as part of the reducing re-offending and procedural justice agenda. This code does not discriminate and applies to all visitors to the establishment regardless of age, ethnicity, religion, colour and gender.

It is considered to be inappropriate to wear the following types of clothing:

- Short/cropped tops that reveal bare midriff or are open in a way that exposes the person's underwear.
- Low cut/loose fitting tops or shirts that expose the visitor's underwear or are unbuttoned to reveal cleavage or bare chest.
- Vests (as a single garment)
- Mini-skirts that are shorter than knee length and expose thighs.
- Sports Style Shorts of any length (Denim, Cargo or other dress style shorts are allowed but must not be shorter than knee length and do not expose thighs).
- All types of see-through clothing.
- Flip Flops, Sliders, High Heels (No higher than 2 inches), Boots higher than ankle length, Re-enforced toe capped footwear.
- Headwear (other than for religious purposes).
- Clothing that is offensive in nature or displays offensive discriminatory, or inappropriate material. This includes clothing containing any sports team logos or other imagery or wording relating to a sports team.

In addition to the above, the following items will not be allowed into HMP Humber:

- Any clothing fitted with large buckles (including belts), chains and/or excessive amounts of zips.
- Puffa Jackets or other padded coats or jackets. (kagool type showerproof jackets are permitted during inclement weather – these must be handed to a member of staff after you have passed beyond the substance detection dogs in the foyer of the internal visits complex and will be kept in a locked cloakroom area until your visit is complete).
- Hats and hoodies
- Scarfs

- Gloves
- Handkerchiefs (tissues are available in the visits hall)
- Watches
- Excessive jewellery.
- Sunglasses
- Any other item of clothing that a member of staff believes, could be used as a weapon

All clothing should be of a type which would allow staff to carry out the required levels of searching without difficulty. Locker facilities are located in the visitors centre for outer garments and personal effects. Visitors are reminded that staff are required to search visitors as a condition of entry.

Biometric Identification System

A condition for participation of visits at HMP Humber, is that all adult (18 years of age and older) visitors will have their fingerprint and photograph taken. This is known as biometric identification and it will be used to assist with the safe and secure movement of all visitors to and from the visits complex.

All visitors will have their identity confirmed using the biometric identification system within the Visits Centre on checking in for their visit, prior to entering the gate search area and again upon entry into the Visits Hall prior to being seated.

A visitor's identity will also be confirmed each time they leave the Visits Hall to use the toilet facilities and again when they return.

Upon completion of the visit, visitors will have their identity checked, prior to exiting the Visits Hall and again as they enter the Gate Search Area.

Anyone who refuses to participate in the biometric identification process will not be allowed entry into HMP Humber.

A visitor should always bring with them the physical forms of identification currently required to enter HMP Humber, as this will be required in the event of a biometric system breakdown. Unfortunately, if the system develops a fault and a visitor does not have the identification required, we will be unable to allow them admittance.

Terminating Visits

Reason for terminating a visit:

- An attempt is made by the visitor to pass an unauthorised article to the prisoner, or vice versa.
- There is a threat of immediate violence towards another person, or another person is incited to an act of violence and urgent action is needed to prevent injury. For this purpose, a verbal threat that is

overheard or body language of an overly aggressive nature are sufficient for an officer to intervene.

- Conversation content that would indicate an imminent threat to the security or safety of HMP Humber or any person within it.
- An incident occurs between the prisoner and his visitor which threatens the smooth running and efficient management of the visit session.

Unfortunately failure to comply with the dress or behaviour code may result in refusal of entry or termination of the visit.