

# Yates County Jail

**INMATE MAIL:** All magazines and newspapers will be accepted through subscription only. Incoming printed material and publications may be censored only by direction of the Chief Correction Officer when it is determined that an item of printed material or a publication constitutes a threat to the safety, security or good order of the facility. This may be accomplished with a black marker or cutting out inappropriate sections. Books will only be accepted from the publisher or a bookseller, such as Amazon. No hard cover books are accepted. There is a limit of 12 photographs no larger than 4"x6". Polaroids will not be accepted. Items containing staples, crayon, stickers, glue, glitter and/ or paint will be returned to sender. Oversized or musical cards are not allowed. Envelopes that mail arrives in will be destroyed. Please include your name and return address on both the envelope and the letter.

**CLOTHING DROP OFF:** Inmates may have clothing brought in on visit days or sent in through the mail. All items must be new in the package, without logos and white in color.

**MALES:** (4) pairs of underwear- boxers or briefs only (4) pairs of socks, (4) crew neck t-shirts, (1) pair of thermal underwear, (1) pair of light gray sweatpants and (1) pair of light gray cotton shorts. No pockets, strings or emblems are permitted. If pockets are cutout, the holes must be sewn closed. No sweatpants may be cut into shorts.

**FEMALES:** in addition to the above items female inmates may have (4) white cotton sports bras with no wires, hooks, pockets, padding or lace.

**SHOES:** New, generic sneakers (value less than \$50.00) with no metal. If an inmate already has a pair of sneakers, they will not be permitted to exchange them unless they are destroyed, and only with approval of a Sergeant or above.

**PROPERTY RELEASE:** At any time an inmate may release his/her property to a designated person. Personal property must be released in its entirety. Any inmate sent to State Prison, must have their property picked up within 10 days of their transfer to prison. Any unclaimed inmate property will be disposed of after 30 days.

**MEDICAL:** Inmates are protected by HIPPA laws, which prevent the discussion of medical issues with another person. Medical care and treatment is provided at the community standard. Mental Health services are also provided. Dental appointments are made on an emergency, as needed basis. All inmates are tested for tuberculosis and optional HIV/ AIDS testing is available at the inmate's request.

**PHONE CALLS:** An inmate may call collect to anyone who is willing to accept the charges. Incoming calls for inmates are not accepted, nor can staff pass along messages to the inmates. Inmates are unable to make collect calls to cell phones unless an account has been established ahead of time. Our inmate telephone company is GTL and they may be reached at 1-866-230-7761 or [www.connectnetwork.com](http://www.connectnetwork.com).

**TELEPHONE BLOCKS:** If you are having trouble receiving collect calls from an inmate, you may need to contact your home phone provider to have a block removed.



**Ronald G. Spike**  
Sheriff

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Chief Corrections Officer

## General Information Guide

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[www.yatescountysheriff.org](http://www.yatescountysheriff.org)

Email: [sheriff@yatescounty.org](mailto:sheriff@yatescounty.org)

Visit Scheduling: Telephone: Friday 8am-8pm for Saturday visit,  
Saturday 8am-8pm for Sunday visit.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PENAL LAW SECTIONS 205.20 AND 205.25, THE YATES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL ARREST ANYONE WHO KNOWINGLY AND UNLAWFULLY INTRODUCES CONTRABAND INTO THE LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. NOTHING IS TO BE TAKEN INTO THE VISIT ROOM. THIS INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO: DRUGS, LIGHTERS, MATCHES, CIGARETTES, GUM/ CANDY, KEYS, PAPER, PENS, CELL PHONES, ETC.. A MOUTH CHECK MAY BE PERFORMED TO ENSURE NOTHING IS BEING INTRODUCED INTO THE VISIT ROOM. ANYONE ENTERING THE FACILITY MAY BE SUBJECT TO A PAT SEARCH AT ANYTIME BY A CORRECTIONS OFFICER/ DEPUTY.

**OVERVIEW:** Visitors may only schedule a visit for themselves and those in their household. Please remember that once a visit is scheduled, it cannot be cancelled or moved to another time.

**AGE VERIFICATION / PROOF OF GUARDIANSHIP:** You must be 18 years of age or older to schedule an appointment for inmate visitation. Any visitor under the age of 18 must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. A legal guardian must produce the proper legal guardianship paperwork. The parent or legal guardian of the minor must schedule the visit and remain in the visit room for the duration of the visit. If a minor is visiting their biological parent, whom is incarcerated, any responsible adult (18 or over) may accompany them.

**INITIAL VISIT:** A newly committed prisoner is entitled to one, fifteen (15) minute (non-contact) visit within the first twenty-four (24) hours of their incarceration. If this falls on a regularly scheduled visitation day, you must schedule the visit during normal visitation hours and you will be permitted the full hour of visit. On non-visitation days you must schedule the visit between the hours of 8a-5p.

**CHECKING IN FOR VISITS:** Upon your arrival to the Yates County Jail, you must sign in on the visitor log sheet. You MUST use your complete name and address. Failure to sign in properly may cause the denial of your visit. **You will be required to show valid photo identification** (driver's license, non-driver ID card, benefit card, military ID, passport). If you cannot provide photo ID, you will not be allowed to visit the inmate. No exceptions can be made. Acceptable ID for children (under the age of 18) will be a birth certificate. You must be checked in NO LATER than 15 minutes prior to your scheduled visit time. If you are late and there is not another available time slot your visit maybe canceled at the discretion of the Chief Correction Officer or his designee.

**VISIT RULES (not all inclusive):** Food, candy and drinks must be disposed of prior to entering the lobby. Inmates and visitors will be allowed a kiss and brief embrace at the beginning and conclusion of their visit. Foul or obscene language is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Visitors will only communicate with the inmate they are scheduled to visit, and must be seated at all times. Holding hands or reaching over the top of the table divider is NOT permitted during the visit. Inmates may not hold children during visit. **Visitors must follow the instructions of the Officer(s) at all times, or the visit will be terminated.**

**PROPERTY LOCKERS:** Lockers are provided in the Yates County Public Safety Building lobby. Please empty all pockets, remove all jewelry, watches, belts, hair accessories, etc. prior to being searched (see below).

**METAL DETECTOR:** Each visitor will be required to be searched by a walk-through metal detector and a hand wand metal detector prior to their visit. You will be required to remove anything that sets off the metal detector. Any item removed from a visitor, cannot be put back on. Avoid wearing steel-toed shoes and brassieres with wire, as they will set off the metal detector. If you have surgically implanted metal, you must provide a note from your physician stating such. The same applies if you are aided with a walking device, such as a cane, walker, crutches or a wheelchair.

**DRESS CODE:** Only conservative clothing will be worn into the visit room. Visitors wearing clothing that is considered inappropriate by Sheriff's staff will be denied entrance into the visit room. This includes, but is not limited to: skin-tight clothing, tank tops or spaghetti strap shirts, shirts exposing the upper chest or waist, short skirts or shorts. Jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters and hats may NOT be worn in the visit room.

**CHILDREN:** If a child is accompanying the visitor, the child must remain seated on a chair (or on the visitors lap if infant/ toddler) throughout the visit. Children will not be permitted to sit on the table. If a child fails to remain seated or reaches over the table divider, the visit will be terminated. Toys, blankets, baby bottles and pacifiers cannot enter the visit room.

**INMATE FUNDS:** Funds will be accepted through the mail in the form of a money order or certified bank check. All blanks on the money order must be filled out. Personal checks will not be accepted. Sending cash in the mail is highly discouraged. Funds sent in the mail may take 5-7 days before they are available to the inmate. Funds may also be deposited using the kiosk in the lobby or online at [www.mycarepack.com](http://www.mycarepack.com) and selecting "smart deposits". There is a fee of \$3.50 charged by the kiosk company and online (\$4.95) when making a deposit by cash or credit card. This fee is charged by the company and we have no control over it. Funds deposited by kiosk or online are available in the inmate's account immediately.

**INMATE COMMISSARY:** Inmates may order commissary by completing an order form or friends and family may order care packages at [www.mycarepack.com](http://www.mycarepack.com).

**BAIL:** Bailing out an inmate can be done 24 hours a day. Cash, credit cards (must be present with card and photo ID), bank check made out to "Yates County Sheriff" and bonds are accepted. There is a surcharge imposed by the company that processes credit card bail transactions. Yates County Sheriff's Office / Yates County Jail does not impose any fee associated with bail transactions and has no control over the fee charged by the bail company. Yates County Jail staff are not permitted to recommend bail bond companies. For information on bail bonds, please refer to your local yellow pages or internet search.