

Philadelphia Department of Prisons Media Policies

Media representatives are subject to all [Philadelphia Department of Prisons \(PDP\) rules and regulations](#).

Inmate Communications with Media

- Inmates may correspond with media representatives through mail or facility telephones
- An inmate may publish letters to the editor, opinion/editorial pieces, poems, or sermons

Inmate Interview Request Process

- Media representatives who wish to conduct interviews with inmates must submit a written request to the Office of Public Information.
- This request must contain an explanation of the purpose of the interview and how it will be used, an indication of familiarity with the rules and regulations of the Department, and a request that the inmate consent to the interview.
- Written consent will be obtained by the PDP's Office of Public Information from the inmate and the inmate's legal representation (where applicable), before the interview can be scheduled. Youth Offenders also need the consent of a parent or guardian.
 - Interviews will be held in an appropriately designated area of the holding facility, during normal visiting hours as appointed by the Commissioner or the Office of Public Information.
 - Interviewers will not be allowed to bring anything into a facility that a regular visitor would not be able to bring, (e.g. pen and paper or recording devices)
- Live television or radio interviews with inmates will not be permitted in a facility, unless expressly authorized by the Commissioner of Prisons.

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