

SB006 / 2024 – PROHIBITED / BANNED ITEMS

All colleagues are reminded that **when entering the establishment**, you are not to bring in on your person or within your property any of the following:

PROHIBITED / BANNED ITEMS LIST

Items which are prohibited / banned are as followed:

Staff/Visitors

Mobile Phones, chargers, SIM cards
Tobacco, lighters and vapes (including vaping accessories)
Chewing Gum
Alcohol
Cameras/Video Recorders
Tools of any Description
Material which can be offensive to others
Unauthorised Drugs
Audio Recorders
Metal Cutlery
Blue Tack
Scissors and pen knives
Glass Containers
Computer Equipment (Unless authorised.)
Weapons of any descriptions.
Clothing with Offensive Logos

Visitors

Cigarette/tobacco unsealed.
Gloves
Video tapes
Bedding
Keys
Steel toe cap boots
Thermos flasks
Lighter fuel
Perishable foodstuffs/drinks
Chemicals/cleaning equipment
Tweezers
Nail clippers.
Manicure sets.
Nail polish/Remover.
Wire brushes
Any lotions, cream, powders with broken seals

This list is not exhaustive, and items can be added or removed at the discretion of the Director, Deputy Director, Head of Security or Security Manager.

Amendments to the Prison Act that came into force in April 2008 made it a criminal offence for certain items to be used, brought into or taken out of prisons without authority.

It is a **criminal offence** for any person without authority:

- i. to bring or throw any of the following items in or out of a prison or to leave any of the following items in any place (in or out of the prison) intending it to come into the possession of a prisoner or to give to a prisoner any of the following items:
 - (a) a controlled drug, an explosive a firearm or other offensive weapon.
Maximum penalty is 10 years imprisonment or an unlimited fine or both.

(b) alcohol, a mobile telephone, a camera, or a sound-recording device.
Maximum penalty is 2 years imprisonment or an unlimited fine or both.

ii. to bring or throw any of the following items in or out of a prison with the intention of it coming into the possession of a prisoner or to leave any of the following items in any place (in or out of the prison) intending it to come into the possession of a prisoner or to give to a prisoner any of the following items:

(c) tobacco, money, clothing, food, drink, letters, papers, books, tools, IT equipment and associated peripherals. **Maximum penalty is a £1000 fine.**

(d) to take a photograph or make a sound recording within a prison or convey an official document or photograph or personal file in or out of a prison.
Maximum penalty is 2 years imprisonment or a £1000 fine or both.

Criminal prosecutions can be pursued against those found to be in deliberate and malicious breach of the above provisions.