



HMP PETERBOROUGH **SEARCHING POLICY FOR VISITORS**

All searching undertaken by staff at HMP Peterborough will be conducted with dignity and in a respectful manner and will take account of all cultural or religious considerations. Arrangements for visitors with injuries or disabilities to be searched will be made on a case by case basis and will be compliant with the D.D.A. Transgender visitors will be searched in accordance with procedures laid out in the Gender Recognition Act (G.R.A) 2004.

SEARCH PROCESS

Every visitor to a prisoner will receive a Level B Rub Down Search.

Visitors may be searched by Operational Support Officers or PCOs.

Female staff may search both male and female visitors, taking into account cultural or religious considerations. Male staff will only search male visitors.
Children & babies will only be searched by female staff

The passive dog may be deployed. Failure to cooperate may lead to entry being refused.

Official visitors will searched on an ad hoc basis or at the discretion of the Director

All contractors may be subject to a Level B rubdown search on entry. All tools must be entered on a Tool Check Sheet

TECHNICAL AIDS WHICH MAY BE USED

Hand Held Metal Detectors, BOSS chair, passive and active dogs.