

## **Allowable Items-Inmate Religious Property Individual Possession**

Inmates are allowed to keep the following items in their housing area. Religious items, which become part of an inmate's personal property, are subject to considerations of safety and security. If necessary, their religious significance shall be verified by the agency chaplain. Religious property will only be used in accordance with the verifiable religious practice. The religious groups listed with each item are examples of the religions that use the item and are not intended to exclude the use of these items by other religions not listed. Since the Oklahoma Department of Corrections maintains a neutral position relative to all religious beliefs, this list does not reflect an endorsement, recognition or approval of any religion. For the purposes of this document, religious groups have been categorized according to similar practices in the following manner:

- "Christianity" refers to all religions that observe Christian practices. This includes Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox religious groups.
- "Islam" refers to all religions that observe Muslim practices. This includes Muslim and Nation of Islam.
- "Judaism" refers to all religions that observe Jewish practices. This includes Jewish, Messianic, House of Yahweh United Church of God and Living Church of God.
- "Native American" refers to all American Indian tribes and Alaska Natives.
- "Pagan" refers to all religions that observe ancient European or Germanic pagan practices. This includes Asatru, Druid, New Age, Neo-Pagan, Odinism and Wicca.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Description/Comments</b>
Altar Cloth	1	No larger than 36" x 40." (Left-Hand Path, Pagan)
Prayer Beads	1	Must be made for the purpose of religious worship. No solid red, blue, or camouflage colors may be used. Cannot be worn around the neck. (Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Krishna, Sikhism)
Religious Neckwear	1	Medallions, crucifixes or crosses may be no larger than 2 inches in diameter and weigh no more than 2 ounces. (All religion groups)
Bell	1	Ceramic only, no larger than 8" high. (Left-Hand Path, Pagan)

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Candles	2	Battery operated only, plastic or ceramic, no larger than 8". (Judaism, Left-Hand Path, Pagan)
Chalice	1	No larger than 8.5" high. Cannot be made of glass. Metal content limited to trim or thin insert. (Judaism, Left-Hand Path, Pagan)
Dream Catcher	1	Made of paper, cardboard, or leather, no larger than 8", no metal. May be hung over or near sleeping area. (Native American)
Feathers	8	May be from any type of bird. Must have a permit from the Department of Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service to obtain or possess eagle feathers. (Native American)
Kangha	1	Wooden comb not to exceed 6". (Sikh)
Medicine Bag	1	No larger than 2" x 3", made originally for religious purposes, not made from any state material/property. The inmate must maintain a list, approved by the facility chaplain, of items kept in their Medicine Bag. (Native American, Pagan)
Meditation Cushion/Zafu	1	Must be made for the purpose of religious worship, not made from any state material/property. No solid red, blue, or camouflage colors may be used. No larger than 15" in diameter and 10" high. Must be stored when not in religious use. (Buddhism)
Omamori Gohonzon	1	No larger than 2" x 2" X 1" and leather case. (Buddhism)
Tefillin (Phylacteries)	1	Leather, with protective cover made originally for religious purposes, not made from any state material/property. (Judaism)
Prayer Cloth	1	No larger than 12" x 12". No solid red, blue or camouflage colors may be used. Cannot contain, upon reception, prayer oil or any other substance. Any anointing of the cloth must take place at the facility under the supervision of the chaplain. (Christianity)

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Prayer Rug/Zabuton	1	Must be made for the purpose of religious worship, not made from any state material/property. No solid red, blue, or camouflage colors may be used. No larger than 30" x 48". A Zabuton can be no more than 4" high. Must be stored when not in religious use. (Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Moorish Science)
Prayer Shawl	1	Must be made for the purpose of religious worship, not made from any state material/property. No solid red, blue, or camouflage colors may be used. Worn only during prayer ceremonies. 4' x 6' maximum (with protective cover). (Judaism)
Prayer Wheel	1	Made of paper or cardboard no larger than 6". (Buddhism)
Religious Headgear	2	Must be made for the purpose of religious worship (such as kufi caps, Yarmulke, Indian headband). No solid red, blue, or camouflage colors may be used. No bandannas allowed. Headgear must lay flat upon the head. May be worn at all times. Not made from any state material/property. Religious scarves used by female inmates must be worn flat on the head and draped around the neck. Scarves may be no larger than 3' x3'. (Islam, Judaism, Native American)
Religious Literature		Must be in accordance with OP-030117. Quantity is defined by OP-030120. (All religious groups)
Religious Undergarments	2	Tasseled or other approved undergarment. Must be made for the purpose of religious worship. No solid red, blue, or camouflage colors may be used. Not made from any state material/property. (Judaism, Mormon)

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Runes Set	1	Set consists of up to 24 rune tiles no larger than 1" in diameter and includes pouch and casting cloth. Must be made of wood. (Pagan)
Sacred Text Cover	1	Made of cloth, vinyl, leather or imitation leather. Must be easily removable for inspection.
Sacred Items Box	1	Must be made of plastic, wood, or cardboard. Only to be used to store sacred items with religious significance. No larger than 18"x4.5"x4.5".
Scapular	1	Made of cloth or leather. No larger than 2" x2". (Christianity)
Sea Salt	1	1) oz. or less, plastic bottle or vial. (Pagan)
Sun Wheel	1	Made of paper or cardboard no larger than 6". (Pagan)
Tarot Card	1	Deck, 3" x 5" maximum, must be marked with inmate's DOC number. (Pagan)
Thor's Hammer	1	Must be made of cardboard or styrofoam, no larger than 8". (Pagan)

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