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In response to a request for a survey on policies regarding searches of visitors, the following Central Western and Western states were contacted. Responses are as follows:

**Washington:** Bob Wright, Warden of Callum Bay Corrections Center, (206) 963-3200

*Response:* Pat and strip searches are done on a random basis on up to 10% of all visitors. They also have a metal detector.

**Oregon:** Bob Schiedler, Superintendent of Oregon Women's Correctional Center, (503) 373-1907

*Response:* Visitors are not searched unless reasonable suspicion exists, and if a strip search is required, Oregon State Police are called to conduct search. All visitors go thru a metal detector and hand wands can be used.

**California:** Lt. Floyd Huyler of California Institution for Women, (714) 597-1771

*Response:* All visitors go thru metal detectors. If alarm sounds, they remove jewelry/shoes. Further screening of hand wands can then be used and if alarm still sounds, they will be clothes searched. If they refuse that search, they will be terminated from visiting.

**Idaho:** Carol Phillips, Assistant to Director of Idaho Department of Corrections, (208) 334-23 18

*Response:* Visitors are not searched, but metal detectors are used for all persons entering.

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**Wyoming:** Major Stan James, Wyoming State Penitentiary (307) 328-1441, X-318

*Response:* They use scanners on all visitors, require picture identification and stamp right hand, rotating the color of the stamp every day.

If they have reasonable cause, they search, but visitors must sign a waiver and the visit will be denied if they refuse to sign the waiver.

**Arizona:** Harold Whitley, Deputy Warden, Central Unit of Florence Prison Complex, (602) 868-4011.

*Response:* All visitors go thru a metal detector. Visitors aren't routinely searched, but if staff have reasonable suspicion, they can search. If visitors refuse the search, they are denied visiting.

**Utah:** Will Fowlke, Enforcement and Security for South Point Facilities, (801) 485-7364.

*Response:* Visitors are not searched unless there is reasonable suspicion. Visitors go thru a metal detector and they have hand wands. Utah uses a matrix system for determining what level of search will be used in what cases.