

LOCATING AN INMATE AND SERVING DIVORCE PAPERS THROUGH THE PRISON SYSTEM

In order to locate a spouse that is incarcerated or detained by immigration, you must first find which prison the spouse is located in. Each facility has its own method of receiving legal documents. You **MUST** call the facility before sending any documents to verify the procedure.

1. Federal Prison

- To search for an inmate that could be in a federal penitentiary, please go to the below website and type in the information you have received for the spouse.

Federal Bureau of Prison:

<http://www.bop.gov/inmateloc/>

2. Immigration Detention

- To search for an inmate that could be in an immigration detention facility, please go to the below website and type in the information you have received for the spouse.

Immigration Detainee Locator

<https://locator.ice.gov/odls/homePage.do>

3. New York City Department of Corrections (aka Riker's Island)

- To locate an inmate at the Riker's Island facilities, please go to the below website and type in the information you have received for the spouse.

New York City Department of Corrections

<http://a073-ils-web.nyc.gov/inmatelookup/pages/common/find.jsf>

- General Number: 718-546-1500
- List of All Facilities in Riker's Island:

<http://a073-ils-web.nyc.gov/inmatelookup/facility.jsp#EMTC>

- Service:

To serve a defendant in Riker's Island (all facilities): Mail two copies of all documents to the following address and a letterhead letter with defendant's NYSID number, full name, date of birth, housing facility where defendant is located, and description of the charge. Include a self-stamped envelope for facility to mail back the affidavit. **DO NOT** put in envelope defendant's name, Riker's Island, etc. Simply address to Legal Division.

ADDRESS:

Legal Division

75-20 Astoria Blvd.

East Elmhurst, NY 11370

4. State Prisons

- To locate an inmate in a state prison, please go to the corresponding state's website and check if the inmate is there.

- NYS

<http://nysdoccslookup.doccs.ny.gov/>

All facilities have different legal protocol and addresses.

EXAMPLE:

Gowanda Correctional Facility Instructions:

Phone number: (716) 532-0177

Mail two copies of documents to be served to defendant.

Attach a self-stamped envelope to mail back affidavit. A letterhead with prison number, full name, and date of birth.

Include in letter what documents are being served to defendant.

Gowanda Correctional Facility

South Road

P.O. Box 350

Gowanda, New York 14070-0350

Attn: Inmate Records

5. Other States:

NJ

https://www6.state.nj.us/DOC_Inmate/inmatesearch

Connecticut

<http://www.ctinmateinfo.state.ct.us/searchop.asp>

Alabama

<http://www.doc.state.al.us/inmatesearch.aspx>

Alaska

<https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/initSearchForm.do?siteId=2001>

Arizona

<https://corrections.az.gov/public-resources/inmate-datasearch>

Arkansas

http://adc.arkansas.gov/inmate_info/index.php

California

<http://inmatelocator.cdcr.ca.gov/search.aspx>

Colorado

<http://www.doc.state.co.us/oss/>

Delaware

<https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/initSearchForm.do?searchType=offender&siteId=8000>

<https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/siteInfoAction.do?siteId=8000>

Florida

<http://www.dc.state.fl.us/AppCommon/>

Georgia

<http://www.dcor.state.ga.us/GDC/OffenderQuery/jsp/OffQryForm.jsp?Institution=>

Idaho

http://www.idoc.idaho.gov/content/prisons/offender_search

Illinois

<http://www2.illinois.gov/idoc/Offender/Pages/InmateSearch.aspx>

Indiana

<http://www.in.gov/apps/indcorrection/ofs/ofs>

Iowa

<http://www.doc.state.ia.us/OffenderInfo.asp>

Kansas

http://www.doc.ks.gov/kasper/index_html?YesNo=Please+Wait...

Kentucky

<http://kool.corrections.ky.gov/>

Louisiana

No online lookup. Need to call 225-383-4580 and have either offender's DOC number or name + date of birth

<http://www.doc.la.gov/quicklinks/offender-info/offender-locator/>

Maine

<https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/mdoc/search-and-deposit/search.pl?Search=Continue>

Maryland

<http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/inmate/>

Massachusetts

<https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/initSearchForm.do?searchType=offender&siteId=20000>

Michigan

<http://mdocweb.state.mi.us/OTIS2/otis2.html>

Minnesota

<https://coms.doc.state.mn.us/publicviewer//main.asp>

Mississippi

<http://www.mdod.state.ms.us/InmateTest.asp>

Missouri

<https://web.mo.gov/doc/offSearchWeb/search.jsp>

Montana

<https://app.mt.gov/conweb/>

Nevada

http://dcs-inmatesearch.ne.gov/Corrections/COR_input.html

New Hampshire

http://business.nh.gov/Inmate_locator/

New Mexico

<http://corrections.state.nm.us:8080/OffenderSearch/>

North Carolina

<http://webapps6.doc.state.nc.us/opi/offendersearch.do?method=view>

North Dakota

<http://www.nd.gov/docr/offenderlkup/index.asp>

Ohio

<http://www.drc.state.oh.us/OffenderSearch/Search.aspx>

Oklahoma

http://docapp065p.doc.state.ok.us/servlet/page?_pageid=395&_dad=portal30&_schema=PORTAL30

Oregon

<http://docpub.state.or.us/OOS/intro.jsf;jsessionid=6B66BADC87EED06F32D6A440836F8BC4.WA1>

Pennsylvania

<http://inmatelocator.cor.state.pa.us/inmatelocatorweb/>

Rhode Island

http://www.doc.ri.gov/inmate_search/search.php

South Carolina

<http://public.doc.state.sc.us/scdc-public/>

South Dakota

<http://doc.sd.gov/adult/lookup/>

Tennessee

<https://apps.tn.gov/foil-app/search.jsp;jsessionid=BD12ACE64DDDBD462F9306E16B37483F.portalprod7>

Texas

<http://offender.tdcj.state.tx.us/OffenderSearch/index.jsp>

Utah

<http://corrections.utah.gov/index.php/services/offender-search.html>

Vermont

<http://www.doc.state.vt.us/sites/doc/internet/offender-locator/>

Virginia

<http://vadoc.virginia.gov/offenders/locator/index.aspx>

Washington

<http://www.doc.wa.gov/offenderinfo/default.aspx>

Washington DC

<https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/initSearchForm.do?searchType=offender&siteId=9900>

<http://doc.dc.gov/page/locate-inmate>

West Virginia

<http://www.wvdoc.com/wvdoc/OffenderSearch/tabid/117/Default.aspx>

Wisconsin

<http://offender.doc.state.wi.us/lop/home.do>

Wyoming

<https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/initSearchForm.do?siteId=51000>