

How to Send Money to a Federal Inmate

Always wait until the inmate has physically arrived at their BOP facility before transferring money.

Transaction fees usually vary based on the amount to be transferred. If you make frequent, small transfers you will pay more fees over time. To save money, consider fewer, larger transfers.

The maximum allowed by the BOP at one time is \$300.

MoneyGram

To start, go directly to MoneyGram's page for sending money to inmates:

www.moneygram.com/mgo/us/en/send/how-to-send-money/send-to-an-inmate

Click the link that says "Pay Bills".

Enter 7932, the Receive Code for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and click Pay Bill.

You will not enter the inmate's specific BOP facility. The Inmate Number you enter later will ensure the funds go to the proper account.

Enter the amount you want to send and follow the instructions on the screen.

At this point you will need to either log into your account or create a new account.

Under BILLER ACCOUNT NUMBER enter the Inmate Number without the dash. (ex: 12345123)

Make sure to enter the inmate's legal first and last names.

All that is left to do is enter your billing information and complete the transaction.

Funds should be available to the inmate the same day.

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Western Union

To start, go directly to Western Union's page for sending money to inmates:

www.westernunion.com/us/en/send-money/app/sendinmatestart

For Correctional facility, start typing "Federal Bureau of Prisons" and it will autofill for you. Select it and click Continue.

You will not enter the inmate's specific BOP facility. The Inmate Number you enter later will ensure the funds go to the proper account.

Enter the amount you want to send, the inmate's legal first and last names, and the Inmate Number without the dash.

Follow the prompts on the screen to continue.

At this point you will need to either log into your account or create a new account.

All that is left to do is enter your billing information and complete the transaction.

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U.S. Postal Service

Send a money order with the inmate's full name and 8-digit register number to the BOP's central processing location, not to the inmate's specific facility.

The BOP will not accept personal checks, cash, or any other item.

Funds should be available shortly after the money order arrives in Des Moines.

John Doe 123 Main St. Herndon, VA 22071	
Federal Bureau of Prisons Insert Valid Committed Inmate Name Insert Inmate Eight-Digit Register Number Post Office Box 474701 Des Moines, Iowa 50947-0001	

Return Address

Your name and return address must appear on the upper left-hand corner of the envelope to ensure that the funds can be returned in the event that they cannot be posted to the inmate's account.

Delivery Address

Send the funds to the address above. Replace the second line with the inmate's valid, full committed name. Replace the third line with the inmate's eight digit register number.

Postage

After ensuring that the inmate has physically arrived at their facility, send the money order - but don't forget to add a stamp!