

- WILL verify that conditions of detention are at least comparable to the best standards applicable to nationals of the country of incarceration;
- WILL seek permission for the prisoner to communicate with family/friends and the mission;
- WILL obtain information about the status of the prisoner's case and encourage local authorities to process the case without unreasonable delay;
- WILL monitor and, where necessary, press prison authorities to provide adequate nutrition, medical and dental care;
- WILL urge rapid processing of prisoner transfers to Canada by countries with which Canada has transfer agreements.

On the other hand, in their dealings with local authorities the department/missions

- WILL NOT seek the release of a Canadian from the due process of law in the countries concerned;
- WILL NOT seek preferential treatment on his/her behalf;
- WILL NOT try to influence the judicial outcome of a Canadian's case.

Visits

Should a friend or relative decide to visit a Canadian in a foreign prison, every effort should be made to prepare for the virtually unavoidable elements of frustration that will attend the event. Particularly in certain Third World locations, the unsuspecting traveller may fall prey to the ploys of unscrupulous individuals who will attempt to take advantage of the situation by offering false hopes of freedom in exchange, usually, for large sums of money. You should also prepare for the emotional trauma involved in an encounter with a relative or friend in prison. Again, this observation may have particular meaning where prison conditions are painfully dissimilar to those in Canada.

If you decide to proceed, the Consular Operations Division