
18 U.S. Code § 4042

Duties of Bureau of Prisons

(a) **In General.**—The Bureau of Prisons, under the direction of the Attorney General, shall—

- (1) have charge of the management and regulation of all Federal penal and correctional institutions;
- (2) provide suitable quarters and provide for the safekeeping, care, and subsistence of all persons charged with or convicted of offenses against the United States, or held as witnesses or otherwise;
- (3) provide for the protection, instruction, and discipline of all persons charged with or convicted of offenses against the United States;
- (4) provide technical assistance to State, tribal, and local governments in the improvement of their correctional systems;
- (5) provide notice of release of prisoners in accordance with subsections (b) and (c);
- (6) establish prerelease planning procedures that help prisoners—
 - (A) apply for Federal and State benefits upon release (including Social Security benefits, and veterans' benefits);
 - (B) obtain identification, including a social security card, driver's license or other official photo identification, and a birth certificate; and
 - (C) secure such identification and benefits prior to release from a sentence to a term of imprisonment in a Federal prison or if the individual was not sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a Federal prison, prior to release from a sentence to a term of community confinement, subject to any limitations in law; and

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