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Digital Mail & Drugs

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- From January 1st through October 31st, 2025-Narcan has been administered in over **170** incidents (many incidents required multiple doses).

- Over **1600** Incident Management Reporting System (IMRS) have been generated for drugs, drug paraphernalia, or being suspected of being under the influence of drugs.

- DOC has intercepted drugs **26** times through mailrooms regular mail, and another **30** times through legal mail, but there is far more drug-soaked paper found within the facility. Often found after I/I's are caught smoking or under the influence of the drugs.

- A single use of paper-soaked drugs is approximately one-half inch by one-half inch square. It's reported that a single sheet of paper can produce anywhere from **350** to **380** single use doses.

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- With the number of paper-soaked drugs being found in the facility, they are either being missed by the mailroom because it is difficult to detect or entering by other means.

- In addition to the risk of overdose, many acts of violence have occurred with I/I's being suspected of or admitting being under the influence of drugs. In addition to this, violence occurs over control, sales, and debt associated with drug activity.

- Florida, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas utilize digital mail to mitigate the drug epidemic. Delaware, Hawaii, Michigan, Illinois and Minnesota are planning to implement in the future.

- DOC is taking many steps to mitigate the drug epidemic in our prisons, and digital mail is just one of them.

- Mail is not **"the way"** drugs are entering our facilities, it is **"a way"** they are getting in. Stopping them before they enter the facility is far more effective than discovering them after the fact.

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