

## BP3 Guidelines: Volunteer Report on a Prison Visit

**Attendees:**

Who are the volunteers that attended?

How many inmates attended?

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**Anything of note:**

A block missing (be specific)

A particular population missing/locked down (be specific)

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**Difficulties:**

What happened? (be specific)

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**Movement:**

What kind? Yoga, Tai Chi, ...

How long?

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**Sitting:**

How long?

Minimal instruction or highly guided?

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**Service:**

Yes or no? All or part?

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**Discussion/talk:**

- A check in? Topic?
- Inmate response/participation?
- Who led what?
- What worked....what didn't?

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**NOTE:**

1. We need to emphasize that the sangha is a safe and secure place. What is shared stays within the sangha. Reports NEVER refer to inmates by name.
2. All volunteers and mentors, whether going into the same institution or not should be cc'd the report. Reports are great ways to see trends...to determine what is useful and what isn't...to know what topic one set of volunteers may have ended with and where the next might start.
3. Be lean with your write-up. A long rendition is not necessary. Exceptions might be; an unusual situation; an especially beneficial meeting with inmates; discussion with staff about issues we should all know.
3. Diane Wilde will help when Buddhist services are experiencing problems due to staff situations and/or inmates being denied access. Please be specific about the situation so Diane can investigate effectively. Contact Diane at [diane@buddhistpathways.org](mailto:diane@buddhistpathways.org).