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## American Jail Association Resolution Adult/Juvenile Offender Access to Telephones

- WHEREAS,** the American Jail Association recognizes there is no constitutional right for adult/juvenile offenders to have access to telephones, nonetheless consistent with the requirements of sound correctional management, adult/juvenile offenders should have access to a range of telecommunications services.
- WHEREAS,** the American Jail Association fully supports programs that encourage offenders to maintain contact with friends and family and that access should be reasonably priced;
- THEREFORE,** the American Jail Association believes correctional agencies should ensure that:
1. Contracts involving telecommunications services for adult/juvenile offenders comply with all applicable State and Federal regulations;
  2. Contracts are based on rates and surcharges that are commensurate with those charged to the general public for like services. Any deviation from ordinary consumer rates should reflect actual costs associated with the provision of services in a correctional setting; and
  3. Contracts for adult/juvenile offender telecommunications services provide the broadest range of calling options determined to be consistent with the requirements of sound correctional management.

*Adopted on May 3, 2008, by the AJA Board of Directors in Sacramento, California.*