



Private Prisons Are Dangerous

Prisons should keep us safe. Staff should be safe on the inside; the community should be safe from escapes; and prisoners should be safe from abuse and unnecessary violence. Private prisons don't work that way. Profits come first. To make profits, private corporations offer low wages, insufficient training and employ fewer staff. In other states that have outsourced prisons there have been more escapes, more assaults between inmates, and more assaults of inmates on guards in private prisons in other states.

What Happens When Operators Skimp on Costs?

In July 2010 - Kingman, Arizona, at a facility operated by Management and Training Corporation (MTC), three prisoners escaped from a medium security facility, **kidnapped two truck drivers and murdered two tourists**. Arizona's review found bulbs burned out on light poles, an unsupervised perimeter, and an alarm system that sounded so many false alarms (89 times in the 16 hour study period) that staff disregarded it. Nearly 80% of the staff was new or newly promoted, many with minimal training or less than three months on the job.

In May 2012 – In Adams, Mississippi, at a facility Operated by Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), about 300 inmates took control of the Adams County Correctional Center in southwest Mississippi.

This riot was not the first time CCA prisons have seen violence. The high level of violence at a CCA-run prison in Idaho has prompted federal lawsuits, public scrutiny and increased state oversight. In 2010, Vermont inmates being held at a CCA prison in Tennessee were subdued with chemical grenades after refusing to return to their cells.

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Private Prisons are WRONG.

**Some things don't belong in the marketplace –
FREEDOM is one of them!**

