



GUIDED TOURS OF THE CAPITOL

Tours are free, but tour passes are required.

8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Tours may be booked in advance online at www.visitthecapitol.gov, through the offices of your Senators or Representative, or through the Office of Visitor Services by calling 202.226.8000.

A limited number of same-day passes are available. Inquire at the Information Desks in Emancipation Hall on the lower level of the Visitor Center.

LOCATION & HOURS

The Capitol Visitor Center, the main entrance to the U.S. Capitol, is located below the East Plaza of the Capitol between Constitution and Independence Avenues.

Visitors: The Visitor Center is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. It is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Inauguration Day.

Official Business: Visitors with official business appointments may enter the Visitor Center as early as 7:15 a.m.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Before entering the Capitol Visitor Center, all visitors are screened by a magnetometer and all items that are permitted inside the building are screened by an x-ray device. The following items are strictly prohibited:

- **Liquid, including water**
- **Food or beverages of any kind, including fruit and unopened packaged food**
- Aerosol containers
- Non-aerosol spray (Prescriptions for medical needs are permitted.)
- Any pointed object, e.g. knitting needles and letter openers (Pens and pencils are permitted.)
- Any bag larger than 18" wide x 14" high x 8.5" deep
- Electric stun guns, martial arts weapons or devices
- Guns, replica guns, ammunition, and fireworks
- Knives of any size
- Mace and pepper spray
- Razors and box cutters

Please note that the U.S. Capitol Police are authorized to make exceptions if a prohibited item is determined to be necessary and required to serve child care, medical or other special needs.

VISITORS WITH DISABILITIES

Visitors may request wheelchairs from Capitol Visitor Center staff wearing red vests or at one of the Coat Check stations just inside the main entrance.

Sign-language interpreting for tours is available when booked in advance. Listening devices with audio description of the films and exhibition are available at the Information Desks. All films have open captioning.

The Office of Congressional Accessibility Services may be reached at 202.224.4048 (voice) or 202.224.4049 (TTY).

