



# Security on Capitol Hill

Visitors to the Capitol Visitor Center and Congressional buildings will be required to go through a brief security screening prior to being admitted. The screening will include putting all personal belongings (bags, purses, wallets, etc.) on an x-ray conveyor belt, similar to the airport. Visitors will also need to remove belts, heavy watches, and all belongings from their pockets. Finally, all visitors will be asked to walk through an X-ray machine.

If visitors are unable or would prefer not to walk through the X-ray machine, they can request a screening via the handheld X-ray wand.

## Prohibited Items

Visitors will be required to surrender the items listed below before entering the Capitol Visitor Center or any of the Congressional buildings.

- Bags exceeding the size of 18" wide x 14" high x 8.5" deep.
- Firearms to include replica guns and ammunition.
- Weapons (to include but not limited to): Black jack, sling shot, sand club, sandbag, knuckles, electric stun guns, knives of any size including razors and box cutters, martial arts weapons or devices.
- Pointed objects to include but not limited to knitting needles, letter openers, and other pointed objects deemed a possible threat. Pens and pencils are permitted. Explosives and explosive devices to include, but not limited to, Molotov Cocktails, components of a destructive device, and fireworks.
- Mace and pepper spray.
- Aerosol containers.
- Non-Aerosol spray except for prescribed medical needs.
- Sealed envelopes and packages.

## Allowable Items

- Strollers (including medical strollers and wagons)
- Mobility devices
- Any medically necessary equipment or prescribed medications
- Water bottles
- Folders and printed materials