



UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

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Security Screening for Visitors with Disabilities, Medical Conditions, Medical Devices, or Medications

- Officers may not request or require visitors to remove, test, or disable any medical device that is attached to the visitor.
- Only a visitor, or a companion, may disconnect medical equipment from the visitor ahead of security screening.
- Visitors with medical devices who need assistance with the screening process may have a companion provide assistance; however, the companion must be screened first.

Pregnant Visitors

- Visitors who are pregnant may opt to be screened by a full body pat-down, instead of the walk-through magnetometer or enhanced screening portal. Medical documentation is not required.

Pacemakers, Defibrillators and Other Implanted Medical Devices

- Visitors who have a metal implant are required to pass through the walk-through magnetometer.

Medical Oxygen or Respiratory-Related Equipment

- Medical oxygen and respiratory-related equipment will be x-rayed, if possible, or physically inspected.

Diabetes-Related Supplies or Other Exterior Attached Medical Devices

- Visitors with surgically implanted insulin pumps/sensors or other exterior attached medical devices will use the walk-through magnetometer.
- If a visitor has medical documentation, they may opt to be screened with the hand-held magnetometer or by a full-body pat down in lieu of the walk-through magnetometer.
- Diabetes-related supplies and equipment will be x-rayed or physically inspected, and screened with an explosive trace detector.

Wheelchairs

- If a visitor is able to walk, they may use the walk-through magnetometer.
- If a visitor can stand, but not walk, the visitor will be screened with the hand-held magnetometer, away from the wheelchair.
- If the visitor cannot stand or walk through the magnetometer, the visitor may be screened in the wheelchair with a hand-held magnetometer.

- There will also be a physical inspection of the wheelchair, to include all packages that are attached to wheelchair. Those packages could be removed and put through the x-ray machine. (Exception - augmentation devices are not required to be removed from the wheelchair, but will be physically inspected and screened with an explosive trace detector.
- Electric Personal Assistance Mobility Devices (EPAMD) will be physically inspected, x-rayed, and/or screened with an explosive trace detector. Packages attached to the EPAMD could be removed and put into the x-ray machine.

Walkers, Crutches, and Canes

- If a visitor can briefly walk without the assistance of their walkers, crutches, or canes, the devices should be x-rayed. Collapsible canes should be collapsed before they are placed on the x-ray belt. (Exception - visually impaired visitors will have their canes physically inspected so they may guide themselves through the walk-through magnetometer).
- Attached baskets or bags must be x-rayed.

Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing

- Visitors who are deaf or hard-of-hearing do not have to remove their hearing aids or related devices, however the officers may do a visual inspection.
- A companion may assist a visitor with communication regarding the screening process.

Prosthetic Devices, Casts, or Body Braces

- Visitors with prosthetic devices, casts, or body braces will not be required to remove them, however officers will perform a physical inspection of the prosthetic device, cast, or body brace.

Orthopedic Shoes or Support Appliances

- Visitors will use the walk-through magnetometer.

Medical Dressings

- Visitors will not be required to remove a medical dressing, but a pat-down may be necessary if an alarm goes off from the magnetometer.

Medication and Supplies

- Medication and supplies will be x-rayed or physically inspected.

Service Animals

- All Service Animals will be subject to screening.
- Visitors are requested to maintain control of their service animal using a harness or leash.
- If the animal is in a carrier, the visitors will remove the animal from its carrier and place the carrier on the x-ray machine. If unable to remove the animal from the

carrier, the carrier will be subject to physical inspection and/or explosive trace detection.

- Visitors can advise the best way for the individual and a service animal to pass through the walkthrough magnetometer (e.g. walking together or single file with the animal front or behind the individual).
- If either the individual or the animal cause the walk-through magnetometer to single alarm, both the individual and the animal will be screened with a handheld magnetometer.
- Visitors will not be required to put their animal through the x-ray machine or enhanced screening portals.

Private Screening Areas

- Visitors have the option of utilizing a private screening area for the following:
 - Private Screening for a limited pat-down of a sensitive area.
 - Sensitive areas are identified as follows:
 - Male – Genitals and buttocks.
 - Female – Breast, genitals and buttocks.
 - Private Screening for a full body pat-down.
- If private screening is elected, two screeners of the same gender as the visitor will conduct the screening.
- Visitors with Infants and small children will not be separated from their party. Infants and small children will accompany the individual to be screened in the private screening area.
- When electing Private Screening, the Visitor's packages will be carried to the private screening area by a U.S. Capitol Police Officer.
- *NOTE:* Private Screening is optional and at the discretion of the visitor.