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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: FCI ALICEVILLE

Federal Correctional Institution · Aliceville, AL · Phone 205-373-5000

VISIT CARD · CUT OUT AND KEEP IN THE CAR

WHEN

Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays

The visiting rules give no regular visiting days except Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays.[1]

HOURS

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Processing of visitors stops at 2:00 p.m.[1]

VISITS

16 points a month

They have up to 16 points a month.[1]

WHO CAN COME

5 adult visitors and 5 children

No more than 5 adult visitors and 5 children at one time unless the Duty Officer or Operations Lieutenant app...[1]

BRING

16 or older

Everyone 16 or older must show valid government or state photo ID, such as a driver's license.[1]

CALL FIRST

205-373-5000

Call before you drive, every time.

BEFORE YOU GO: GET ON THE LIST

1. Within 48 hours of arriving, they fill out an **Immediate Family Visiting List** and give it to their counselor.
2. Everyone, **even immediate family**, must fill out the **Visitor Information form, BP-A0629**, sign it, and return it. Staff may also run a background check on people who are not immediate family.
3. The unit team approves or denies. The counselor tells them in writing. **They** tell you. Do not drive until you are approved.
4. To change the list, they ask their counselor for the **"Requested Change in Visiting List"** form.
5. Visitors with a past conviction may visit only if they are immediate family, and they need the Warden's written approval at least **two weeks** ahead. Anyone on probation or parole needs their probation officer's approval too.[1]

AT THE DOOR

WHO CAN BE ON THE LIST	Immediate family (father, mother, foster parents, sisters, brothers, husband, children and step-children, and a verified common-law husband) plus up to **20 friends or associates**. Everyone must have known them before prison, unless the Warden approves.[1]
NOTIFICATION FORM	Every visitor fills out and signs a **"Notification of Visitor" form** before entering the visiting room.[1]
HAND STAMP	At the FCI, each visitor gets a stamp on the hand (children too). It is checked with a black light when you enter and when you leave.[1]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	One clear plastic purse or bag, no bigger than 12 by 12 inches. No wallets. Prescription medicine stays at the officers' station. Cell phones, tobacco and handbags stay locked in your car. No electronics, playing cards, gum, newspapers, magazines or food from outside.[1]
FOR A BABY	Per visitor: 1 baby carrier, 1 clear diaper bag (12 by 12), 1 sealed baby food, 1 plastic bottle, 2 containers of formula or milk, 1 lotion, 1 powder, 1 small blanket, 1 hat, 1 change of clothes, 1 diaper rash ointment, 1 pack of wipes, 1 toy. **No strollers.**[1]
WHAT TO WEAR	No shorts, sleeveless shirts, tube tops, tank tops, tights, spandex, hats, sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, caps, sunglasses, muscle shirts, miniskirts, halter tops or see-through clothing. Dresses and skirts must reach the top of the knee. **Sun dresses are not allowed. No open-toed shoes, flip-flops or slippers.** Women must wear a bra. No camouflage. **No watches or electronic sports bands. Nothing khaki** or the orange worn in the SHU.[1]
TOUCHING	A hug and kiss when the visit starts and when it ends.[1]
VENDING MACHINES	Visitors can buy food for them from the visiting room machines. At the FCI, the food is taken out of its wrapper and put on a plate. They must never handle money.[1]
LEAVING EARLY	If a visitor leaves the visiting room before the visit ends, they cannot come back in that day. The visit is over.[1]
WHEN IT GETS CROWDED	A two-hour limit starts. Those who visit more often are ended first, then those who have been in the room the longest that day.[1]
PARKING	Park in a marked "Visitor Parking" space. Lock your car. No one may wait in the lot, and everyone leaves right after the visit.[1]

ALL VISITING DAYS AND HOURS

WHERE	DAYS	HOURS
FCI (main prison)	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Satellite camp	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Special Housing Unit (SHU)	Same days and times as everyone else. Non-contact room in the FCI visiting room.	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Processing of visitors stops at 2:00 p.m. Visitors may not be on the grounds before 8:00 a.m. and must leave the visiting room at 3:00 p.m. There is a count at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sunday and holidays. No visitors are processed into the visiting room for 30 minutes before that count, and processing starts again after the count clears.[1]

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GETTING THERE

From Tuscaloosa	Take US-82 West for 19 miles, then turn left onto AL-86. Follow AL-86 for 13.3 miles; it turns left onto Commerce Ave/AL-17. Follow that for 10.1 miles and turn right onto 3rd Ave NE. After 0.7 miles turn right onto AL-14/2nd St NW. Follow it 4.1 miles to 11070 Highway 14.
From Columbus, Mississippi	Take MS-69 South for 14.8 miles. It becomes AL-14. Follow it 15 miles to the prison.
Flying, bus and train	Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport is about 107 miles away. Birmingham is also about 58 miles from Tuscaloosa. Greyhound and Amtrak (1-800-872-7245) connect to Tuscaloosa. The rules list Dixie Cab Service in Tuscaloosa.

WHAT TO WEAR TO A VISIT

The BOP beats to its own drum. The front desk has the final say. Keep a spare outfit in the car.

FCI ALICEVILLE

Rules dated **October, 2, 2019** (7 years old)

Official rules (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/ali/ali_visit.pdf) En español (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/ali/ali_visit_sp.pdf)

7 years old. Ask your loved one to check the copy posted in the unit before you drive.

Skirts and dresses	Dresses/skirts must at least touch the top of the knee (0 inches above); no miniskirts.
Shorts	No shorts.
Colors to avoid	No khaki-colored clothing or khaki variations resembling inmate clothing. No orange clothing in the shade worn by SHU inmates. Visitors must not dress like the inmate-issued uniform.
Leggings, spandex	No tights or spandex.
Bras and metal	Female visitors must wear a bra.
Camouflage, military	No fatigues or camouflage-patterned garments.
Shoes	No open-toed shoes for any visitor. No flip flops, slippers, thongs or house shoes.
Children	Not in the written rules.

ALL 23 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- Dresses/skirts must at least touch the top of the knee (0 inches above); no miniskirts.
  BOP wording: "All dresses or skirts, at a minimum, must touch the top of the knee,"
- No shorts.
  BOP wording: "Visitors are not permitted to wear shorts,"
- No sleeveless shirts, tank tops or muscle shirts.
  BOP wording: "sleeveless shirts, khaki-colored clothing"
- No tube tops, halter tops or strapless tops.
  BOP wording: "Tube tops, tank tops,"
- No see-through clothing of any kind.
  BOP wording: "or see through clothing of any kind."
- No tights or spandex.
  BOP wording: "tights, spandex, hats,"
- No bathing suits.
  BOP wording: "through blouses, bathing suits, miniskirts,"
- No sweat shirts, with or without hood.
  BOP wording: "sweat shirts, sweat shirts with hood,"

COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki-colored clothing or khaki variations resembling inmate clothing.
  BOP wording: "khaki-colored clothing or variations of khaki which resemble neither inmate clothing"
- No orange clothing in the shade worn by SHU inmates.
  BOP wording: "orange-colored clothing with the same tone or shade as inmates who are quartered in the Special Housing Units."
- Visitors must not dress like the inmate-issued uniform.
  BOP wording: "Visitors will not dress in a manner that resembles the inmate issued uniform."
- No fatigues or camouflage-patterned garments.
  BOP wording: "No fatigues or camouflaged-patterned garments,"

BRAS, UNDERWEAR AND METAL

- Female visitors must wear a bra.
  BOP wording: "Female visitors must wear a bra,"
- Proper undergarments required; shirt must not reveal undergarments.
  BOP wording: "and a lack of proper under garments."

SHOES

- No open-toed shoes for any visitor.
  BOP wording: "No visitor, male or female, will wear open toed shoes."
- No flip flops, slippers, thongs or house shoes.
  BOP wording: "flip flops, slippers, thongs, or house shoes will be permitted."

HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No hats, caps or doo-rags.
  BOP wording: "caps, sunglasses (unless prescribed), doo-rags, and muscle shirts are not permitted."
- No hooded sweat shirts.
  BOP wording: "sweat shirts with hood,"

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No revealing or possibly offensive clothing.
  BOP wording: "Any clothing that is considered to be revealing or possibly offensive to other visitors, will not be allowed into the Visiting Room."
- No sun dresses.
  BOP wording: "Sun dresses are not permitted."
- No wrist watches, timepieces or electronic sports bands.
  BOP wording: "Wrist watches, timepieces, or electronic sports bands of any sort will not be permitted into the Visiting Room"
- No slacks or jeans slit or cut to reveal buttocks.
  BOP wording: "slacks or jeans slit or cut to reveal buttocks,"

IF THEY SAY NO

- Clothing not covering shoulder to upper knee means refused entry.
  BOP wording: "will result in that visitor being refused entrance into the Visiting Room."

MAIL AND THE MAILING ADDRESS

Your full name
Your street address
City, State ZIP

STAMP

Their committed name, exactly as the BOP Inmate Locator shows it
Reg. No. _____-___
FCI Aliceville
P.O. Box 4000
Aliceville, AL 35442

The envelope, filled in. Their name and number must match the BOP Inmate Locator exactly.[2]

Put their name, register number and **housing unit** on the envelope. The camp has its own P.O. Box (see the address above).[2]

> **USE THE P.O. BOX ONLY.** Never mail to the street address.

THE MAIL RULES

WHITE PAPER	Envelopes and paper must be **white**. No labels. Mail with glitter, stickers, lipstick, crayon or marker is rejected, and so is anything stained, oily or sprayed with perfume. Stamps and envelope flaps are removed.[2]
GREETING CARDS	Cards on card stock or construction paper are rejected. Cards must be printed on white copy paper only.[2]
BOOKS	At a low-security prison they may get softcover books from any source. Hardcover books and newspapers must come from the publisher, a book club or a bookstore.[2]
PACKAGES	Every package needs approval first.[2]
MAIL DAYS	Mail is handed out Monday through Friday (not holidays) by the evening officer in each unit. Legal mail is opened in front of them.[2]
THEIR LETTERS TO YOU	At a low-security prison their outgoing letters may be sealed and are sent out unopened.[2]
MONEY	Never put money in a letter. Use the BOP lockbox in Des Moines, Iowa, or Western Union or MoneyGram (see the Money tab).[2]

Sources

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