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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: FCI DANBURY

Federal Correctional Institution · Danbury, CT · Phone 203-743-6471

VISIT CARD · CUT OUT AND KEEP IN THE CAR

WHEN
Friday, Saturday, Sunday and federal ho...
No visiting Monday through Thursday.[1]

HOURS
8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
No one is allowed in the lobby before 8:15 a.m.[1]

VISITS
12 points a month
Each person gets 12 points a month (FCI, FSL and camp).[1]

WHO CAN COME
5 people
No more than 5 people at one time, any mix of adults and children.[1]

BRING
16 or older
Everyone 16 or older needs valid government ID, such as a driver's license, passport or other state or federa...[1]

CALL FIRST
203-743-6471
Call before you drive, every time.

THE BOP'S OWN PAPERS DISAGREE. Danbury's two papers disagree. The visiting rules (February 10, 2025) give the FCI Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 8:15 a.m., the camp Saturday, Sunday and holidays, and the FSL alternating weekends, with processing until 2:00 p.m. and SHU visits on Fridays. The handbook (April 15, 2022) says the FCI is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and holidays from 8:30 a.m., SHU visits are on Tuesdays, and visitors arriving after 2:15 p.m. are not processed. It also said the schedule could change because of COVID-19. Go by the newer rules and **call 203-743-6471 before you drive**. The two papers also give different I-84 exits when you come from the west (see the directions).[1]

BEFORE YOU GO: GET ON THE LIST

1. At orientation, the unit counselor gives your loved one the **Visiting List Request** form and the local visiting guidelines.
2. A list is made within **5 working days** for immediate family named in the presentence report (mother, father, stepparents, foster parents, brothers, sisters, spouse, children).
3. For anyone else, your loved one mails you the release form. You sign it and send it back. Staff may run a background check and request conviction information (form BP-311).
4. The unit team tells your loved one yes or no. **They** tell you, and give you the visiting guidelines. Do not drive until you are approved.
5. Friends and associates: no more than **10**, and normally only people they knew before prison. The Warden can make exceptions. Anyone with a criminal record needs the Warden's approval.
6. The list can be updated **once every 30 days**.
7. New arrivals and holdovers (people passing through) can be visited by immediate family only until a list exists.[1]

AT THE DOOR

SCREENING	At low security and higher, everyone must clear a **metal detector**. Adults can be pat searched at random by someone of the same sex. If you refuse any search, you do not get in.[1]
MONEY FOR VENDING MACHINES	No more than **$30 per visitor**, in one small clear plastic bag, with your locker key or chit and any medication needed for the visit. Food from the machines is emptied onto a plate or into a cup, and visitor and inmate may not share an item.[1]
NOT ALLOWED IN	Cell phones, electronic devices, watches and chewing gum. All medicine is kept out except life-supporting medicine, which you declare at the front and staff hold. Leave everything else in your car; lockers hold your keys.[1]
FOR A BABY	Only 3 diapers, 2 clear bottles with formula or milk, 1 small baby blanket, 1 pacifier and a small amount of baby wipes. Women may bring in 2 feminine pads or tampons. Nursing is allowed, with privacy screens.[1]
TOUCHING	Handshaking, embracing and kissing are allowed **only at the start and the end** of the visit. No hand-holding during the visit. They may hold young children on their lap.[1]
WHEN IT GETS CROWDED	A **two-hour limit** starts, first for visitors who live within 200 miles of Danbury. If it is still crowded, visits end first in, first out.[1]
HOSPITAL VISITS	A visit in the health services area is limited to **one hour** and needs approval from the Health Services Administrator and the Captain. A visit at a community hospital is for immediate family and clergy only.[1]

ALL VISITING DAYS AND HOURS

WHERE	DAYS	HOURS
FCI (men)	Friday, Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays	8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Camp (FPC, women)	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays. No visiting Monday to Friday.	8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
FSL (women)	Alternating weekends: Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays. Ask your loved one which weekends.	8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Special Housing Unit (SHU)	Fridays only, in the visiting room, in a 3-hour block. They must ask in writing by the Monday before. No more than 2 SHU inmates per block.	8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

No one is allowed in the lobby before 8:15 a.m. Visitors are processed until **2:00 p.m.** Arrive after that and your loved one is not available for a visit that day. On weekends and holidays no one is processed from **9:30 a.m. until the 10:00 a.m. count clears**.[1]

No visiting Monday through Thursday. At the camp, no visiting on Friday either.

GETTING THERE

From the 2025 visiting rules	The FCI, FSL and camp are in southwestern Connecticut on Route 37, about three miles north of the center of Danbury. Traveling east from New York on I-84, take Exit 5. Traveling west from Hartford on I-84, take Exit 4. The address is 33 1/2 Pembroke Road, Danbury, CT 06811. A bus depot is downtown and taxis are available.
From the 2022 handbook	Take Exit 5 if traveling east on I-84 and go straight onto Route 37 North. If traveling west on I-84, take Exit 6 and turn right on Route 37 North. Danbury is about 70 miles from midtown New York City.

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 DANBURY

Rules dated **February 10, 2025** (1 year old)

Official rules (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/dan/dan_visit.pdf) En español (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/dan/dan_visit_sp.pdf)

Skirts and dresses	Dresses/skirts may not be hemmed above the knee (0 inches).
Shorts	No shorts.
Colors to avoid	No khaki clothing. No green clothing at the FPC (camp) only. No orange clothing. No clothing resembling inmate issued clothing.
Leggings, spandex	No spandex, yoga pants, leggings, or jeggings. No form fitting pants or skin-tight clothing.
Bras and metal	Not in the written rules. Some prisons ban underwire bras anyway, and the penalty can be more than being sent home. Wear a sports bra or a bra with no wire.
Camouflage, military	No camouflage clothing of any kind.
Shoes	No open toe shoes. No flip flops; footwear must have a back strap.
Children	Dress code applies to adults and pre-teens 12 and older.

ALL 24 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- Dresses/skirts may not be hemmed above the knee (0 inches).
  BOP wording: "sleeveless shirts, dresses/skirts (hemmed above the knee),"
- No shorts.
  BOP wording: "or midriff clothing, shorts, flip flops, open toe shoes or"
- No sleeveless shirts.
  BOP wording: "sleeveless shirts, dresses/skirts (hemmed above the knee),"
- No midriff clothing.
  BOP wording: "or midriff clothing, shorts, flip flops, open toe shoes or"
- No halter or tube tops.
  BOP wording: "see-through, sheer clothing, halter, tube tops, spandex,"
- No see-through or sheer clothing.
  BOP wording: "see-through, sheer clothing, halter, tube tops, spandex,"
- No form fitting pants or skin-tight clothing.
  BOP wording: "jeggings, form fitting pants, skin-tight,"
- No spandex, yoga pants, leggings, or jeggings.
  BOP wording: "halter, tube tops, spandex, yoga, leggings, jeggings, form fitting pants, skin-tight,"
- No sweat suits or jogging suits.

BOP wording: "any clothing with a hood, sweat suits/jogging suits,"

COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki clothing.
  BOP wording: "(i.e., orange, khaki, or green (FPC only) colored clothing."
- No green clothing at the FPC (camp) only.
  BOP wording: "(i.e., orange, khaki, or green (FPC only) colored clothing."
- No orange clothing.
  BOP wording: "(i.e., orange, khaki, or green (FPC only) colored clothing."
- No clothing resembling inmate issued clothing.
  BOP wording: "wearing clothing which resembles inmate issued clothing"
- No camouflage clothing of any kind.
  BOP wording: "camouflage clothing of any kind."

BRAS, UNDERWEAR AND METAL

- No watches; jewelry limited to wedding band, one earring set, one necklace.
  BOP wording: "Jewelry is limited to a wedding band, one set of earrings, and one necklace."

SHOES

- No open toe shoes.
  BOP wording: "or midriff clothing, shorts, flip flops, open toe shoes or"
- No flip flops; footwear must have a back strap.
  BOP wording: "All footwear must have a strap on the back securing the shoe to the foot."

HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No hats, other than religious headwear.
  BOP wording: "wearing hats (other than religious headwear),"
- Religious headwear is allowed.
  BOP wording: "hats (other than religious headwear),"
- No clothing with a hood.
  BOP wording: "any clothing with a hood, sweat suits/jogging suits,"

CHILDREN

- Dress code applies to adults and pre-teens 12 and older.
  BOP wording: "comply with the adult and pre-teen (12 years and older) dress code."

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No provocative or suggestive clothing styles.
  BOP wording: "avoid clothing styles that are provocative or suggestive in nature."

IF THEY SAY NO

- Visit may be terminated for excessively provocative attire.
  BOP wording: "excessively provocative attire not previously detected by the Lobby or Escorting Officer;"
- Visit may be terminated to maintain good taste.

BOP wording: "A visit may be terminated in order to maintain good taste and consideration for others in 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 Danbury
Route 37
Danbury, CT 06811

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

The handbook asks that every letter carry their **register number and housing unit** on the envelope. Ask your loved one for both.[2]

> **USE EXACTLY THIS ADDRESS.** Danbury has no P.O. Box for inmate mail.

THE MAIL RULES

MAIL DAYS	First-class mail is handed out Monday through Friday (not holidays) by the evening officer in each unit.[2]
BOOKS AND MAGAZINES	Hard cover books and newspapers come only from the publisher, a book club or a bookstore. At a low-security prison like the FCI, soft cover books (not newspapers) may come from any source.[2]
PACKAGES	Every package needs prior approval unless BOP policy says otherwise.[2]
LEGAL MAIL	Opened in front of them. It must be marked as special mail.[2]
MONEY	Never put money in a letter. It goes to the BOP lockbox in Des Moines, Iowa (see the Money tab).[2]

Sources

1. DAN 5267.09D, FCI/FSL/FPC Visiting Regulations (February 10, 2025) bop.gov/locations/institutions/dan/dan_visit.pdf
2. FCI Danbury Admission and Orientation Handbook (updated April 15, 2022) bop.gov/locations/institutions/dan/dan_ao-handbook.pdf