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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: FCI LA TUNA

Federal Correctional Institution · Anthony, TX · Phone 915-791-9000

VISITING

VISITING HOURS AND DAYS

WHO	DAYS	HOURS
FCI (main prison)	Monday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays (the handbook says there is no visiting Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday)	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Camp (SCP)	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Special Housing Unit (SHU)	Saturday: Units 1, 2, 3 and Camp. Sunday: Units 4, 5, 6 and the FSL. By video, up to 2 hours, up to 4 visitors including children. (2018 rules)	Three sessions: 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Visitors are not processed after 2:00 p.m. On weekends and holidays, visitors are not admitted after 9:30 a.m. until the 10:00 a.m. count clears. You may not come onto the grounds earlier than 30 minutes before visiting starts. Once the visit starts you cannot go back to your car and return.

No visiting Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday at the FCI (per the 2025 handbook). [1]

The BOP's own papers disagree. La Tuna's papers disagree, and the visiting rules are old (**August 10, 2018**). The rules put FCI visits on Saturday, Sunday, the **first Monday of each month** and holidays. The handbook (**February 12, 2025**) says Monday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Points: the rules give the FCI **5 points a month** and the camp 6; the visitor handout in the rules says 6; the handbook says **7 points** for both. In both, a weekday visit costs 1 point and a weekend or holiday visit costs 2. Go by the newer handbook, and because the prison is closing, call 915-791-9000 before you drive.

THE RULES AT THE DOOR: ID, POINTS, WHAT YOU CAN BRING

HOW MANY PEOPLE	No more than **5 visitors at one time**, children included. The Unit Manager can allow more for emergencies or long trips, but not always on weekends and holidays. [2]

ID	At least one current photo ID: a state ID, a state driver's license or a passport. **Mexican consular ID cards (matricula) are not accepted.** Visitors 16 and older sign a Notification to Visitor form. [2]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	A clear see-through change purse or billfold, $1 bills, $5 bills, change, and reasonable baby items (clear plastic bottles, factory-sealed baby food). Medicine like nitro pills is kept by the visiting room officer. No strollers, phones, pagers or electronics. [2]
MONEY FOR VENDING MACHINES	The 2018 rules say up to **$20.00** per visitor per visit, in coins, $1 bills and $5 bills, or one credit or debit card. No food may be brought in except sealed baby food and drinks. You cannot put money on their account during a visit. [1]
WHAT NOT TO WEAR	Nothing that exposes the body from the shoulders down to three inches above the knee, no miniskirts, halter or midriff tops, see-through clothes, tight knits or spandex, shorts, sleeveless tops, hats, or clothing with gang or suggestive logos. **No khaki, all-gray sweat suits or camouflage.** Wigs or hairpieces that come off are not allowed without a doctor's letter. [2]
SCREENING	Searches are random or based on reasonable suspicion. Refuse and you must leave. Staff of the same sex do pat searches, and no one under 18 is pat searched. An ION drug test can also turn you away. [1]
TOUCHING	A handshake, kiss and embrace at the start and end of the visit. Nothing may be passed between you. [2]
WHAT THEY WEAR	Institution pants, shirt, belt and black safety shoes. Only a comb, handkerchief, wedding band, prescription glasses (no sunglasses) and a religious chain medallion. [1]
PARKING AND WAITING	Park only in the visitor lot. Lock your car. No one, and no pets, may wait in a vehicle during a visit. At the FCI, wait in the building above the visitor lot until the officer calls your number on the intercom. [1]
WHEN IT GETS CROWDED	Visits are ended starting with local visitors, those who arrived first, and the distance traveled. [1]
SEX OFFENSE INVOLVING A MINOR	People convicted of a sex offense involving a minor are seated up front, and their visit is closely watched. [1]

HOW TO GET ON THE VISITING LIST

1. Their unit team has them fill out a **Visiting Request Form** for immediate family (mother, father, brothers, sisters, stepparents, foster parents, wife, children). Other relatives (grandparents, uncles, aunts, in-laws, cousins) and friends can be added too.
2. For anyone who is not immediate family, your loved one mails you the **Request for Visitation** form. The 2018 rules also name **BP-A0629 (Visitor Information)**. You fill out the Visitor Information form and mail it **directly to their unit staff**.
3. The unit team runs a criminal background check (NCIC). You are not approved until they finish and enter you in the computer, ordinarily within **4 weeks**. **They** are told and tell you. Do not drive until you are approved.
4. You must have known them before prison, unless the Warden approves an exception. A visitor on another inmate's list is not allowed unless immediate family, unless the Warden approves.

5. They can ask in writing to add or remove people at any time.
6. On arrival or holdover, visits are limited to immediate family that can be verified in their pre-sentence report. Holdovers get one 1-hour social visit a week.

Fill out the visiting form for La Tuna

[1]

DRIVING DIRECTIONS (FROM THE BOP)

THE ADDRESS	FCI and camp: 8500 Doniphan Road, Anthony, Texas. About 15 or 16 miles north of El Paso, Texas and 25 miles south of Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Texas Highway 20 and Interstate 10. Phone 915-791-9000.
FROM EL PASO OR LAS CRUCES	Take I-10 and exit at Anthony or at the Westway-Vinton Road exit. Go to 8500 Doniphan Road via Highway 20 and turn onto the institution's access road.
BUS, TAXI	The 2018 rules say taxi is the only public transportation to the prison. The 2025 handbook lists El Paso Sun Metro for bus schedules from El Paso, 915-533-1220, and Las Cruces Roadrunner Transit, 505-541-2500.

Street address for your GPS: La Tuna Fci/scp, 8500 Doniphan Road, Anthony, Tx 79821. [2]

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 LA TUNA

Rules dated **August 10, 2018** (8 years old)

Official rules (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/lat/lat_visit.pdf) En español (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/lat/lat_visit_sp.pdf)

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

Skirts and dresses	Skirts/dresses no more than 3 inches above the knee.
Shorts	No shorts.
Colors to avoid	No khaki-colored clothing. No orange clothing. No all-gray sweat suits. No clothing resembling inmate or staff clothing.
Leggings, spandex	No spandex or leotards. No tight-fitting, body-tight knit, or form-fitting 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. No BDUs or clothing resembling staff clothing.
Shoes	No open-toe shoes.
Children	Not in the written rules.

ALL 26 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- Skirts/dresses no more than 3 inches above the knee.
  BOP wording: "revealing, skirts or dresses (3) inches above the"
- No shorts.
  BOP wording: "culottes, shorts, see-through clothing, halter"
- No sleeveless tops, for women or men.
  BOP wording: "knees, sleeveless tops, midriffs, spandex,"
- No low-cut blouses; tops must cover chest and cleavage.
  BOP wording: "shirts/blouses, sheer or low-cut blouses, halter tops, tube"
- No midriff tops; tops must cover the stomach.
  BOP wording: "knees, sleeveless tops, midriffs, spandex,"
- No halter, tube, or spaghetti-strap tops; tops must cover back.
  BOP wording: "tops, or spaghetti strapped shirts will not be permitted to"
- No see-through or sheer clothing.
  BOP wording: "culottes, shorts, see-through clothing, halter"
- No tight-fitting, body-tight knit, or form-fitting clothing.
  BOP wording: "(14) Any clothing which is tight fitting, or"

- No spandex or leotards.
  BOP wording: "Spandex, leotards, shorts, form"
- No pants with holes.
  BOP wording: "fitting clothing or pants with holes are not permitted during"
- No sweatpants of any color.
  BOP wording: "tops, hats, sweatpants (any color), clothing with"

COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki-colored clothing.
  BOP wording: "clothing, i.e., khaki colored, all gray sweat"
- No orange clothing.
  BOP wording: "visiting. Orange and/or Khaki colored clothing will not be"
- No all-gray sweat suits.
  BOP wording: "clothing, i.e., khaki colored, all gray sweat"
- No clothing resembling inmate or staff clothing.
  BOP wording: "Clothing which resembles inmate or staff"
- No camouflage.
  BOP wording: "suits, camouflage, or BDUs will not be authorized"
- No BDUs or clothing resembling staff clothing.
  BOP wording: "suits, camouflage, or BDUs will not be authorized"

SHOES

- No open-toe shoes.
  BOP wording: "5. Footwear: No open toe shoes will be permitted."

HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No baseball caps or hats inside the secure perimeter.
  BOP wording: "4. Hats/Sunglasses: Baseball caps, hats and sunglasses will not"
- No removable hairpieces or wigs unless medically needed with doctor's letter.
  BOP wording: "Hairpieces or wigs that can be easily"

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No gang-related or suggestive logos or inappropriate slogans.
  BOP wording: "gang related or suggestive logos, or any apparel"
- Clothing must cover from top of shoulders to three inches above knee.
  BOP wording: "top of the shoulders down to three inches above"
- No culottes.
  BOP wording: "culottes, shorts, see-through clothing, halter"
- No sunglasses inside the secure perimeter.
  BOP wording: "4. Hats/Sunglasses: Baseball caps, hats and sunglasses will not"

IF THEY SAY NO

- Visitors refusing to comply with dress criteria will be refused admittance.
  BOP wording: "criteria they will be refused admittance."

- IDO or Operations Lieutenant makes final call on questionable garments.
  BOP wording: "appropriate will be made by the Institution Duty Officer or"

MAIL AND THE MAILING ADDRESS

Use their committed name exactly as the BOP Inmate Locator shows it. The name and number below are examples (JOHN ANTHONY SMITH-JONES, 12345-678).

JOHN ANTHONY SMITH-JONES
Reg. No. 12345-678
FCI La Tuna
La Tuna Fsl
P.O. Box 3000
Anthony, Nm 88021

The handbook gives the main prison's mailing address as **Federal Correctional Institution La Tuna, Post Office Box 3000, Anthony, New Mexico 88021** and the camp's as Federal Prison Camp La Tuna, **Post Office Box 8000**, Anthony, New Mexico 88021. The BOP's online address record shows "La Tuna FSL" on the line above P.O. Box 3000. Use the P.O. Box number and ask your loved one which first line to use. Mail is delivered Monday to Friday. [2]

Use the P.O. Box only. Never mail to the street address (La Tuna Fci/scp, 8500 Doniphan Road, Anthony, Tx 79821).

SEALED OUTGOING MAIL	Because this is a low-security prison, they may seal their outgoing mail, and it is sent without being opened or inspected. They write their committed name, register number and the prison's return address in the upper left corner. [2]
LEGAL MAIL	Opened in front of them to check for contraband, and not read. It must name the attorney by name, title and address, and the front must say "Special/Legal Mail - Open in presence of the inmate" or similar. [2]
STAMPS	They may buy up to 20 first-class stamps a week and keep no more than 20 at a time. [2]
WRITING TO OTHER INMATES	Needs approval from their case manager. [2]
MAIL RESTRICTIONS	If staff think they are mailing threats, doing crime or running a business, mail can be limited to an approved list, and all mail is read. [2]
MONEY	Never put money in a letter. It goes to the BOP lockbox in Des Moines, Iowa (see the Money tab). [2]

Books and magazines: at a low security prison, soft-cover books and magazines can come from anyone. Hardcovers only from a publisher or bookstore.

Sources

1. LAT 5267.09, Visiting Regulations (August 10, 2018) bop.gov/locations/institutions/lat/lat_visit.pdf
2. FCI La Tuna Admission and Orientation Handbook (updated February 12, 2025) bop.gov/locations/institutions/lat/lat_ao-handbook_021325.pdf