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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: FCI MIAMI

Federal Correctional Institution · Miami, FL · Phone 305-259-2100

VISITING

VISITING HOURS AND DAYS

WHO	DAYS	HOURS
FCI Miami	Saturday, Sunday, Monday and federal holidays. Units take turns (see below).	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Federal prison camp (FPC)	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays (the handbook also says Monday). I and J units take turns.	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The front lobby stops processing FCI visitors at 2:00 p.m. It also stops at 9:30 a.m. before the 10:00 a.m. count. Visitors who arrive during the count wait in their car until visiting restarts. Visits end at 3:00 p.m.

No regular visiting Tuesday through Friday. Attorney visits are scheduled between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. [1]

The BOP's own papers disagree. The visiting rules (May 1, 2024) list the camp as Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., but a page of the same rules lists the camp as **Saturday 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, Sunday and Monday. The handbook (April 1, 2026) says visiting is Saturday through Monday and also says visits may be cut to 2 hours on busy days. Go by the newest paper and call 305-259-2100 before you drive.

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

WHICH DAY THEY VISIT	At the FCI, units take turns. Atlantic, Biscayne and Everglades visit together, Coral and Dolphin together, Flagler and Gator together, on different days in an equal rotation across Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Ask your loved one which day their unit has. If a holiday falls on a non-visiting day, the next unit in the rotation visits. [1]
HOW MANY PEOPLE	No more than **4 visitors** in total. Children older than 3, or any child using a visiting-room chair, count toward the limit. A visitor can ordinarily see only one inmate at a time. The handbook says only one group of visitors is processed for each inmate each day. [1]

ARRIVING	You can park in the visitor lot from 7:30 a.m. and take a numbered Title 18 form from the front lobby, then wait in your car. Processing starts at 8:00 a.m., in number order. No exceptions. No more than 5 visitors are in the lobby at a time. [1]
FORMS AND ID	Each visitor signs the **Notification to Visitor (BP-A0224)**. Everyone needs a valid photo ID. Children under 16 who come with a parent or legal guardian do not need to sign. [1]
SCREENING	Pat searches, metal detection, vehicle searches and an **ion spectrometer** drug test (random). A visitor who tests positive loses visiting for 48 hours the first time, 30 days the second, 90 days the third, and 180 days after that. Your hand is stamped with invisible ink and checked under a light on the way out. [1]
MONEY FOR VENDING MACHINES	Up to **$20.00, quarters only**. No paper money. [1]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	A clear plastic bag no larger than 12 by 12 inches, photo ID, and the money above. Essential medicine in its original container, only the amount needed. For a baby: diapers, 1 pack of wipes in a clear bag, 1 change of clothes, a clear bottle, a jar of baby food, 1 receiving blanket and 1 see-through cup. The attached guidelines say 2 diapers, 1 bottle and 1 jar. [1]
NOT ALLOWED IN	Tobacco, handbags, strollers, baby carriers, diaper bags, newspapers, magazines, toys, electronics, knives, keys, chewing gum, wallets and cell phones of any kind. Phones cannot be stored in lockers. A limited number of lockers are for visitors without a car. Do not bring anything to give to them. [1]
WHAT TO WEAR	No shorts (small children under 10 excepted), sheer, net or mesh clothing, bare backs, chests, midriffs, shoulders or underarms, bathing suits, mini skirts, crop, halter and backless tops, sun dresses, hats, caps or scarves, wrap-around clothes, tight clothing (spandex, leggings, tight jeans), sweatpants or sweatshirts, ripped clothing, low-cut tops, hooded tops, skirts or dresses above the knee, obscene or gang logos, open-toe shoes, flip-flops, watches, and visible jewelry other than a wedding band. Nothing like inmate clothing (khaki or military green; white, khaki or brown T-shirts). [1]
CONTACT	A short embrace at the start of the visit is the only contact allowed. [1]
WHEN IT GETS CROWDED	Staff first ask for volunteers to leave. Then they look at how often you visit and how far you traveled. If all else is equal, **first in, first out**. [1]

HOW TO GET ON THE VISITING LIST

1. They can start a visiting list in the first five working days after they arrive.
2. Immediate family (father, mother, stepparents, brothers, sisters, spouse, children) is normally placed on the list when they ask.
3. Your loved one mails you form **BP-A0629** (Visitor Information). You fill it out and mail it directly to the Unit Team member named for them.
4. Staff may ask for background information from people who are not immediate family. Visiting can be denied if little or no information is available.
5. A visitor is ordinarily approved for only one inmate's list.
6. The list can be changed at any time. Inmates are encouraged to review it every 90 days.

7. Do not drive until your loved one tells you that you are approved.

Fill out the visiting form for Miami

[1]

DRIVING DIRECTIONS (FROM THE BOP)

FROM THE PALMETTO EXPRESSWAY	Take SR-874 south toward the toll road/Homestead and continue onto the Florida Turnpike. Exit at SW 152nd Street and turn right onto SW 117th Avenue. Turn right on Coral Reef Drive (152nd Street). Turn left onto SW 137th Avenue and go about one-half mile. The institution is on the left. When you enter, make an immediate right, then a left into the visitor parking lot.

Street address for your GPS: 15801 S.w. 137th Avenue, Miami, Fl 33177. [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 MIAMI

Rules dated **May 1, 2024** (2 years old)

Official rules (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/mia/mia_visit.pdf) No Spanish version posted

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

Skirts and dresses	No mini skirts; skirts/dresses not above knee level (0 inches).
Shorts	No shorts of any kind, except small children under 10.
Colors to avoid	No khaki pants/shirts or khaki plain T-shirts. No military green pants or shirts. No white or brown plain T-shirts resembling inmate issue.
Leggings, spandex	No spandex pants, skirts, tights, or leotards. No clothing worn tightly or excessively accenting the body, e.g., tight jeans.
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	Not in the written rules. Many prisons ban both; leave them home.
Shoes	No open-toe shoes; spike heels max 3 inches. No flip-flop style beach shoes.
Children	Small children under 10 may wear shorts; infants may be barefoot.

ALL 30 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- No mini skirts; skirts/dresses not above knee level (0 inches).
  BOP wording: "Skirts/dresses above knee level"
- No shorts of any kind, except small children under 10.
  BOP wording: "Shorts of any kind (except for small children under the age of 10)"
- No clothing exposing shoulders or underarms.
  BOP wording: "Clothing which exposes the back, chest, midriff, shoulders,"
- No low-cut blouses or dresses.
  BOP wording: "Low cut blouses/dresses"
- No crop tops or clothing exposing midriff or stomach.
  BOP wording: "f) Crop tops"
- No halter tops or backless tops.
  BOP wording: "h) Halter tops"
- No sheer, net, mesh, or transparent clothing.
  BOP wording: "Clothing made of sheer, net, mesh, or transparent material."
- No clothing worn tightly or excessively accenting the body, e.g., tight jeans.
  BOP wording: "Clothing designed or intended to be worn tightly or excessively"

- No spandex pants, skirts, tights, or leotards.
  BOP wording: "accent the body (i.e . Spandex pants, skirts or tights, leotards,"
- No shirts or jeans with holes or ripped parts.
  BOP wording: "Shirts or jeans with holes or ripped parts."
- No bathing suits.
  BOP wording: "d) Bathing suits"
- No sweatpants or sweatshirts.
  BOP wording: "m) Sweatpants/sweat shirts"

COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki pants/shirts or khaki plain T-shirts.
  BOP wording: "(khaki or military green pants and /or shirt; and, white, khaki or brown plaint-"
- No military green pants or shirts.
  BOP wording: "(khaki or military green pants and /or shirt; and, white, khaki or brown plaint-"
- No white or brown plain T-shirts resembling inmate issue.
  BOP wording: "(khaki or military green pants and /or shirt; and, white, khaki or brown plaint-"

BRAS, UNDERWEAR AND METAL

- Appropriate undergarments required and must not be visible.
  BOP wording: "Note: Appropriate undergarments are required to be worn and may not be"
- No visible jewelry except a wedding ring/band.
  BOP wording: "No visible jewelry except for a wedding ring/band."

SHOES

- No open-toe shoes; spike heels max 3 inches.
  BOP wording: "Open toe shoes, 3" max spike heel"
- No flip-flop style beach shoes.
  BOP wording: "Flip-flop style beach shoes"

HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No hats, caps, or scarves.
  BOP wording: "j) Hats, caps, scarfs"
- No hooded shirts, jackets, or sweaters.
  BOP wording: "Hooded shirts, jackets, or sweaters"
- One overgarment allowed; must be worn for the whole visit.
  BOP wording: "One overgarment (coat, jacket, sweater) . Must be worn for the duration of the"

CHILDREN

- Small children under 10 may wear shorts; infants may be barefoot.
  BOP wording: "Shorts of any kind (except for small children under the age of 10)"

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No obscene, offensive, or gang-related logos.
  BOP wording: "Clothing with obscene, offensive or gang related logos"

- No sun dresses.
  BOP wording: "g) Sun dresses"
- No wrap-around skirts, shirts, or dresses.
  BOP wording: "Wrap around skirts, shirts, or dresses."
- No watches or wearable electronics except pre-approved medical devices.
  BOP wording: "No watches, or wearable electronic devices or apparatus except"
- No bare feet except for infants.
  BOP wording: "shirts) is not allowed to be worn inside the Visiting Room. No bare feet will be"

IF THEY SAY NO

- Sexually suggestive or revealing clothing is grounds for denial of visit.
  BOP wording: "grounds for the denial of the visit. The Front Lobby Officer will notify"
- Operations Lieutenant decides whether a visitor is dressed appropriately.
  BOP wording: "determine whether the visitor is dressed appropriately."

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 Miami
P.O. Box 779800
Miami, Fl 33177

The handbook says all mail to an inmate must show the **committed name, register number, Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 779800, Miami, Florida 33177**. [2]

The **camp uses the same P.O. Box**.

Use the P.O. Box only. Never mail to the street address (15801 S.w. 137th Avenue, Miami, Fl 33177).

MAIL DAYS	First-class mail and publications are handed out Monday through Friday, except holidays, after the 4:00 p.m. count. [2]
OPENED AND CHECKED	All general mail is opened and checked for contraband. [2]
DO NOT MAIL IN	Postage stamps, stationery, unused greeting cards (including small plastic cards), musical cards, nude photographs and Polaroid pictures. [2]
BOOKS AND PAPERS	Hardcover books may come from a publisher, book club or bookstore. Newspapers must come from the publisher. They may keep 5 books, 2 current magazines and 1 current newspaper. [2]
LEGAL MAIL	A lawyer's letter is special mail only if it carries the attorney's name, says the sender is an attorney, and is marked "Special Mail - Open Only in the Presence of the Inmate." [2]
EXPRESS MAIL AND PACKAGES	Only U.S. Postal Service Express Mail is accepted. FedEx and UPS are not. A package needs a signed authorization on file, with a copy inside the package, or it is refused. [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. MIA-5267.09E, Visiting Regulations (May 1, 2024) bop.gov/locations/institutions/mia/mia_visit.pdf
2. FCI and FPC Miami Admission and Orientation Handbook (updated April 1, 2026) bop.gov/locations/institutions/mia/mia_ao_handbook.pdf