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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: FCI SEAGOVILLE

Federal Correctional Institution · Seagoville, TX · Phone 972-287-2911

VISIT CARD · CUT OUT AND KEEP IN THE CAR

WHEN
Friday
Neither paper gives social visiting on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.[1]

HOURS
2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
The 2016 rules say visitors are processed into the visiting room until 3:30 p.m.[1]

VISITS
6 points a month
Visiting runs on points: 6 points a month.[2]

WHO CAN COME
5 visitors
No more than 5 visitors per visit.[1]

BRING
Photo ID
Photo ID: a state driver's license, state ID card or passport.[1]

CALL FIRST
972-287-2911
Call before you drive, every time.

THE BOP'S OWN PAPERS DISAGREE. Seagoville's two papers disagree, and the visiting rules are **very old (July 6, 2016)**. The rules put the FCI's visiting on Friday from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The handbook (**May 18, 2022**) says visiting is Friday through Monday and federal holidays from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The rules also describe visiting at a Federal Detention Center at Seagoville; the BOP's current facility feed lists only the prison and the camp. **Call the prison at 972-287-2911 before you drive.**[1]

BEFORE YOU GO: GET ON THE LIST

1. Your loved one fills out a **Request for Visitors** form with their unit staff, who write up the visiting list.
2. Each visitor gets a **Visitor Information Form** from them by mail. The inmate must mail the visiting hours and rules to each visitor.
3. Staff run the background check. Changes to the list can be asked for at any time but do not take effect until the paperwork and background checks are done.
4. The counselor gives **them** the list of who was approved. **They** must tell you. Do not drive until you know you are approved.
5. Holdover approvals expire no more than 60 days after they were issued.[1]

AT THE DOOR

WHO CAN BE ON THE LIST	Unlimited family that can be confirmed, plus no more than **10 friends or associates**, who must have known them before prison unless the Warden approves an exception. New arrivals and holdovers with no approved list can have only immediate family. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and in-laws are not immediate family.[1]
BACKGROUND CHECK	Staff run a National Crime Information Center (NCIC) check before a visitor goes on the list, except immediate family named in the pre-sentence report. A visitor with a prior felony conviction needs the Warden's written approval.[1]
SCREENING	Metal detector, x-ray of your belongings, and random pat searches by same-gender staff. Random ion spectrometry drug test: a positive test means a non-contact visit. Vehicles can be searched.[2]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	Leave your things in the car. No food, gifts, games, needlework, pocketbooks or packages. A clear see-through purse or clear zip-lock bag is allowed. Vending money is in $1.00 and $5.00 bills. Baby diapers, food and bottles only in the amount used during the visit. No baby car seats.[1]
WHAT NOT TO WEAR	No khaki-colored clothing, see-through blouses, shorts, halter tops, tube tops, strapless dresses, swimsuits, plunging necklines, wrap-around skirts, sleeveless or strapless clothing of any kind, or form-fitting clothing (leggings, stirrup pants, spandex). Dress hems must reach the bend of the knee.[2]
TOUCHING	Kissing, embracing and handshaking are allowed only on arrival and departure. No heavy petting. No filing nails or braiding hair.[2]
CHILDREN	Children under 16 must come with an adult family member or guardian and be on the approved list. The inmate must control their children at all times.[2]
WHEN IT GETS CROWDED	The Operations Lieutenant can end visits. Staff ask for volunteers first, then end visits for visitors from the Dallas-Fort Worth area first-in first-out, then by arrival time, which may include visitors from out of town.[2]

ALL VISITING DAYS AND HOURS

WHERE	DAYS	HOURS
FCI (main prison), per the 2016 visiting rules	Friday	2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
FCI (main prison), per the 2016 visiting rules	Saturday, Sunday and Monday	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
FCI (main prison), per the 2022 handbook	Friday through Monday and federal holidays	8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Satellite camp	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The 2016 rules say visitors are processed into the visiting room until 3:30 p.m. (and on Fridays again after the 4:00 p.m. count clears, or 4:30 p.m., whichever is later). On weekends and holidays processing continues during the 10:00 a.m. count, but no one may leave during a count. You may enter the visitor parking lot no earlier than 1 hour before visiting starts.[1]

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GETTING THERE

From the north	Take US 75 South to I-45 South. Merge onto US 175 East at exit 283 toward Kaufman. Stay on 175 East to the Kimberly/Simonds exit. The entrance of the prison and the satellite camp is at the intersection of Kimberly/Simonds Road and US 175.
From the south	Take I-45 North and merge onto US 175 East at the Kaufman exit. Stay on 175 East to the Kimberly/Simonds exit. The entrance is at the intersection of Kimberly/Simonds Road and US 175.

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 SEAGOVILLE

Rules dated **July 6, 2016** (10 years old)

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

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

Skirts and dresses	Dress hem at bend or middle of knee when standing (0 inches above).
Shorts	No shorts or short pants, except children 10 or younger.
Colors to avoid	No khaki-colored pants or shirts.
Leggings, spandex	No stirrup pants, leggings, or spandex pants/jeans. No form-fitting clothing, including body suits and hip huggers.
Bras and metal	No pants with metal beyond necessary rivets, buttons, or snaps.
Camouflage, military	No camouflage pants, shirts, or clothing.
Shoes	Appropriate footwear required; no open-toed shoes. No shower shoes or flip-flops.
Children	Children 10 and under may wear shorts and sleeveless/strapless; small children headgear in bad weather.

ALL 23 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- Dress hem at bend or middle of knee when standing (0 inches above).
  BOP wording: "Hem of dress must be at the bend of the knee or middle of the knee when standing."
- No shorts or short pants, except children 10 or younger.
  BOP wording: "No shorts or short pants, except for children 10 years of age or younger. They must be above the"
- No sleeveless clothing, except children 10 or younger.
  BOP wording: "No strapless/sleeveless clothing of any type, except for children 10 years of age or younger."
- No plunging necklines.
  BOP wording: "No plunging neck lines."
- No strapless clothing, except children 10 or younger.
  BOP wording: "No strapless/sleeveless clothing of any type, except for children 10 years of age or younger."
- No see-through or provocative garments.
  BOP wording: "No see-through or provocative garments."
- No form-fitting clothing, including body suits and hip huggers.
  BOP wording: "No form-fitting clothing. (Stirrup pants, leggings, or body suits, hip huggers, or spandex"
- No stirrup pants, leggings, or spandex pants/jeans.
  BOP wording: "No form-fitting clothing. (Stirrup pants, leggings, or body suits, hip huggers, or spandex"
- No pajamas.

BOP wording: "No pajamas or camouflage clothing allowed."

- No athletic shorts, sweat suits, or wind suits.
  BOP wording: "No athletic shorts/sweat suits/wind suits; Athletic Jerseys"

COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki-colored pants or shirts.
  BOP wording: "No khaki or camouflage colored pants or shirts."
- No camouflage pants, shirts, or clothing.
  BOP wording: "No khaki or camouflage colored pants or shirts."

BRAS, UNDERWEAR AND METAL

- No pants with metal beyond necessary rivets, buttons, or snaps.
  BOP wording: "No pants with any metal other than necessary rivets, buttons, or snaps"

SHOES

- Appropriate footwear required; no open-toed shoes.
  BOP wording: "Appropriate footwear is required. No shower shoes, flip-flops or open toed shoes."
- No shower shoes or flip-flops.
  BOP wording: "Appropriate footwear is required. No shower shoes, flip-flops or open toed shoes."

HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No hats of any type.
  BOP wording: "No hats of any type. During inclement weather, small children will be allowed to wear headgear"

CHILDREN

- Children 10 and under may wear shorts and sleeveless/strapless; small children headgear in bad weather.
  BOP wording: "No hats of any type. During inclement weather, small children will be allowed to wear headgear"

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No clothing resembling gang affiliation.
  BOP wording: "No clothing resembling any type of gang affiliation."
- No wrap-around skirts or mini skirts.
  BOP wording: "No wrap-around skirts or mini skirts."
- No athletic jerseys.
  BOP wording: "No athletic shorts/sweat suits/wind suits; Athletic Jerseys"
- No shoes with heels over three inches.
  BOP wording: "No shoes with heels greater than three inches 3"."
- No sagging pants or jeans.
  BOP wording: "No sagging pants/jeans"

IF THEY SAY NO

- Questionable clothing cleared by Operations Lieutenant or Institution Duty Officer.
  BOP wording: "Any questionable clothing will be cleared through the Operations Lieutenant or the Institution"

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 Seagoville
P.O. Box 9000
Seagoville, TX 75159

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

Put their name, register number **and unit** on the envelope, then FCI Seagoville, PO Box 9000, Seagoville, TX 75159-9000.[2]

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

THE MAIL RULES

BOOKS AND PAPERS	Hardcover books and newspapers only from the publisher, a bookstore or a book club. Soft-cover magazines and paperbacks can come from any source. Everything is reviewed under Program Statement 5266.06.[2]
NO POLAROIDS	Polaroid pictures are rejected because they cannot be searched without damage.[2]
THEIR LETTERS TO YOU	Outgoing mail is picked up daily and may be sealed. It must carry their full name, register number and the prison's return address, or it is sent back to them.[2]
LEGAL MAIL	Incoming legal and special mail clearly marked as such is opened in front of them. They must hand outgoing legal mail in person at the mail room Tuesday to Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with their ID card.[2]
MONEY	Never put money in a letter. All funds go to the BOP National Lockbox (see the Money tab).[2]

Sources

1. SEA 5267.09(a), Visiting Regulations (July 6, 2016) bop.gov/locations/institutions/sea/sea_visit.pdf
2. FCI Seagoville Admissions and Orientation Information Handbook (dated May 18, 2022) bop.gov/locations/institutions/sea/sea_ao-handbook.pdf