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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: FCI TALLAHASSEE

Federal Correctional Institution · Tallahassee, FL · Phone 850-878-2173

Visiting Suspended at the main prison (BOP status, checked Nov 3, 2026, 11:30 pm ET). Call the prison before you drive: 850-878-2173.

VISITING

VISITING HOURS AND DAYS

WHO	DAYS	HOURS
FCI (main prison)	Friday, Saturday and Sunday	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Detention center (FDC)	Friday, Saturday and Sunday, by unit. The unit schedule rotates every week and is posted in the units and in the handbook.	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Federal holidays	All inmates, first come first served	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

No incoming visitors are processed after 2:30 p.m. and visitors must leave the visiting room at 3:00 p.m. Visitors are not allowed on the grounds before 8:15 a.m. On Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays, visitor traffic stops at the front entrance at 9:30 a.m. until the 10:00 a.m. count clears. Each visit is limited to **two hours** because of space.

The rules give no social visiting Monday through Thursday. [1]

The BOP's own papers disagree. Tallahassee's visiting rules are **very old (April 17, 2014)**. The newest handbook is from **January 2026** but does not repeat the days and hours; it points to the visiting rules. The BOP's facility feed showed "Visiting Suspended" for the main prison on November 2, 2026. **Call the prison at 850-878-2173 before you drive.**

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

HOW MANY PEOPLE	FCI: **4 adults at a time and up to 8 children**. Detention center: **3 visitors at a time**, adults and children together. The FCI visiting room holds 150 people, and the detention center room holds 43. [1]

WHO CAN BE ON THE LIST	People on the approved visiting list, checked through the pre-sentence report, probation and local law enforcement. The inmate must have known the visitor before prison unless the Warden approves an exception. Detention center inmates: **immediate family only** (parents, sisters, brothers, step-siblings, spouses). Holdovers and pretrial inmates are normally limited to immediate family on a temporary list. [1]
ID	A state or government photo ID for everyone, such as a driver's license or passport. Staff keep your ID at the control center and give it back when you leave. You fill out a Notification to Visitor form (BP-A0224) before the visit. Your hand is stamped with ink after you clear the metal detector. [1]
SCREENING	Your things go through the x-ray machine and you go through the metal detector. If you cannot clear it, the Operations Lieutenant is told and you are not let in. [1]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	One clear plastic container or bag. Paper money in bills of $10.00 or less, and coins, no more than **$30.00** in all. Medicine you need during the visit is logged and kept at the officer's station. A locker is available for car keys, handbags and cell phones. For a baby: diapers (4), a clear diaper bag, plastic milk or formula bottles (2) and wipes in a clear plastic bag. [1]
WHAT NOT TO WEAR	No low-cut, halter, midriff, deep V-neck, backless or sleeveless tops. No spandex, form-fitting or hip-hugger pants, and no pants that go above the middle of the calf. Skirts and dresses no higher than 3 inches above the knee. **No khaki or orange**, no camouflage, no see-through clothes, no hats, scarves or doo-rags, no non-prescription sunglasses, no flip-flops or slippers. No sagging pants. Children under 10 may wear shorts at the front lobby officer's discretion. No gang colors or insignia. [1]
WHAT THEY WEAR	FCI inmates: the khaki uniform, clean and neat. Detention center inmates: a clean orange jumpsuit. Only institution-issued shoes or boots, unless they have a medical permit. [1]
SPECIAL VISITS AND MINISTER OF RECORD	A visit by someone not on the list must be approved by the Unit Manager. They ask with an Inmate Request to Staff (BP-A148). One Minister of Record can be added and does not count against the list. [1]

HOW TO GET ON THE VISITING LIST

1. Detention center inmates ask their unit team for a **Visiting Form** and mail it to each person they want on the list.
2. You fill it out and mail it back, **addressed to the detention center unit team**. A unit team member then runs the background checks.
3. FCI inmates ask their counselor to add or remove a name with the approved visiting list form.
4. Only approved family are accepted for the detention center. Unit staff tell **them** the result and **they** must tell you. Do not drive until you know you are approved.
5. If someone is turned down, the inmate gets an Inmate Visitor Denial form.

Fill out the visiting form for Tallahassee

[1]

DRIVING DIRECTIONS (FROM THE BOP)

BY CAR	The FCI and the detention center are 3 miles east of downtown Tallahassee, Florida, on Highway 319 and Conner Boulevard. The address is 501 Capital Circle N.E., Tallahassee, FL. The phone number is 850-878-2173. (From the 2014 visiting rules.)
AIRPORT, TAXI AND BUS	Tallahassee Municipal Airport is on Highway 319, about 12 miles from the prison. A taxi from the airport was about $15.00 in 2014. The Tal-tran city bus ran from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a $0.75 fare in 2014. Prices and service may have changed. (From the 2014 visiting rules.)

Street address for your GPS: 501 Capital Circle, Ne, Tallahassee, Fl 32301. [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 TALLAHASSEE

Rules dated **April 17, 2014** (12 years old)

Official rules (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/tal/tal_visit.pdf) En español (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/tal/tal_visit_sp.pdf)

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

Skirts and dresses	No skirts or dresses more than three inches above the knee.
Shorts	No pants above mid-calf; only children under 10 may wear shorts.
Colors to avoid	No khaki-colored clothing or khaki variations resembling inmate clothing. No orange clothing matching Special Housing Unit inmates' shade.
Leggings, spandex	No spandex. No form-fitting or skintight clothing; no low-cut/hip-hugger pants.
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 fatigues or camouflage-patterned garments. No fatigues.
Shoes	No flip flops, slippers, thongs, or house shoes.
Children	Children under ten may wear shorts at lobby officer's discretion.

ALL 22 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- No skirts or dresses more than three inches above the knee.
  BOP wording: "skirts or dresses higher than three inches above the knee in"
- No pants above mid-calf; only children under 10 may wear shorts.
  BOP wording: "pants which go above the middle of the calf."
- No sleeveless shirts, blouses, dresses, or tank tops.
  BOP wording: "halter, midriffs, deep V-neck, backless, and sleeveless"
- No low-cut shirts or blouses exposing cleavage; no deep V-necks.
  BOP wording: "a) Garments which reveal portions of the upper torso, to include low"
- No midriffs or garments exposing the stomach.
  BOP wording: "cut shirts/blouses exposing cleavage, back or stomach area (i.e."
- No halter, backless, or tube tops.
  BOP wording: "halter, midriffs, deep V-neck, backless, and sleeveless"
- No see-through garments, including pants and plain white T-shirts.
  BOP wording: "f) See-through garments, to include pants and plain white t-shirts"
- No form-fitting or skintight clothing; no low-cut/hip-hugger pants.
  BOP wording: "b) Spandex, form-fitting clothing or low cut/hip hugger pants. Any"

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COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki-colored clothing or khaki variations resembling inmate clothing.
  BOP wording: "d) Khaki-colored clothing or variations of khaki which resemble"
- No orange clothing matching Special Housing Unit inmates' shade.
  BOP wording: "inmate clothing. No orange colored, clothing with the same tone"
- No fatigues or camouflage-patterned garments.
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SHOES

- No flip flops, slippers, thongs, or house shoes.
  BOP wording: "i) No flip flops, slippers, thongs, or house shoes will be"

HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No hats, ear muffs, doo rags, or scarves.
  BOP wording: "g) Hats (i.e. cowboy, baseball caps of any kind), ear muffs, doo"

CHILDREN

- Children under ten may wear shorts at lobby officer's discretion.
  BOP wording: "children under the age of ten may wear shorts."

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No gang-related color combinations, insignias, or representations.
  BOP wording: "l) No gang related color combinations, insignias, or representations"
- No non-prescription sunglasses.
  BOP wording: "h) Non-prescription sun glasses/shades."
- No sagging pants or clothing.
  BOP wording: "j) Absolutely NO sagging of pants or any other type of clothing by"
- No bare feet, except babies and toddlers.
  BOP wording: "permitted. No bare feet will be permitted (excluding"

IF THEY SAY NO

- Visits denied if visitor arrives in prohibited attire.
  BOP wording: "pants, are all prohibited. Visits will be denied if the visitor arrives at the"
- Front lobby officer decides children's shorts after consulting Lieutenant or IDO.
  BOP wording: "k) At the discretion of the front lobby officer, after consultation"

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 Tallahassee
P.O. Box 5000
Tallahassee, Fl 32314

Put their name, register number and housing unit on the envelope. The address is P.O. Box 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32314 (from the BOP facility feed). [2]

Use the P.O. Box only. Never mail to the street address (501 Capital Circle, Ne, Tallahassee, Fl 32301).

MAIL DAYS	First class mail is handed out Monday through Friday, except holidays, in each living unit by the evening officer. Legal and special mail is opened in front of them. [2]
PACKAGES	Every package needs approval first. [2]
BOOKS AND PAPERS	Hardcover books and newspapers only from the publisher, a book club or a bookstore. At low-security institutions softcover books and magazines (not newspapers) can come from any source. [2]
MONEY	Never put money in a letter. Funds go to the BOP lockbox (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. TAL 5267.08D, Visiting Regulations (April 17, 2014) bop.gov/locations/institutions/tal/tal_visit.pdf
2. FDC/FCI Tallahassee Admission and Orientation Handbook (January 2026) bop.gov/locations/institutions/tal/tal_ao-handbook.pdf