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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: FCI VICTORVILLE MEDIUM I

Federal Correctional Institution · Victorville, CA · Phone 760-246-2400

VISIT CARD · CUT OUT AND KEEP IN THE CAR

WHEN **Saturday, Sunday, Monday and federal ho...** Tuesday through Friday are not regular social visiting days for the FCI.[1]	HOURS **8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Social visits are not processed before 8:30 a.m.[1]	VISITS **40 points** The handbook says each person gets 40 points on the 1st of each month.[2]
WHO CAN COME **4 approved visitors** No more than 4 approved visitors at a time.[1]	BRING **Photo ID** Everyone needs a valid state or government photo ID: a driver's license, military or state ID, or a passport.[1]	CALL FIRST **760-246-2400** Call before you drive, every time.

THE BOP'S OWN PAPERS DISAGREE. The visiting rules are from **March 1, 2022** and the handbook from **September 2021**. Both are old and they differ. The handbook says visiting is by **points**: 40 on the 1st of each month, 2 points an hour on weekends and holidays and 1 an hour on weekdays. The newer rules do not mention points. The handbook counts children over 2 as visitors and lets 3 children under 2 come in extra; the rules let 3 children under 10 come in extra if they do not take a seat. The handbook says dresses must reach the middle of the kneecap; the rules say no shorter than two inches above mid-knee, and the rules' own one-page summary says not above the bend of the knee. Call the prison at 760-246-2400 before you drive.[1]

BEFORE YOU GO: GET ON THE LIST

1. They send their Unit Team the names of people they want on their visiting list. The rules do not name the form. (The BOP's national visitor form is BP-A0629; not confirmed in the Victorville papers.)
2. Everyone, including immediate family, is checked. The **Unit Manager** approves or denies each visitor. A questionable application (a discrepancy or a criminal-record hit) can be denied. The Warden can approve exceptions.
3. If you are denied, the Unit Manager tells your loved one, and **they** tell you. Do not drive until you are approved.
4. The list holds **no more than 20 visitors**. They can ask for a change at any time by sending an Inmate Request to Staff during Unit Team open house hours.
5. Visits are ordinarily for people they knew before prison. A prior criminal conviction does not automatically bar you. Staff look at your relationship and how recent and serious it was.[1]

AT THE DOOR

SCREENING	Everyone must walk through the **metal detector** without setting it off, so avoid clothes with metal. Visitors and their things may be searched, and visitors may be screened with electronic drug detection devices. Refuse a search and you do not get in. Visiting areas are on video.[1]
MONEY FOR VENDING MACHINES	Up to **$20 in coins** in a clear bag, says the visiting rules. The handbook says no more than $20.00 in $1 bills and coins. Only visitors use the machines. They may not accept money from you. Only food you buy from the machines can go to them. They may not share food or drinks with you.[1]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	One small clear plastic bag, no bigger than 8 x 12 inches, your photo ID, the coins, and essential medicine (an asthma inhaler or nitroglycerine, only the amount needed for the visit; staff keep it). Purses, coats you are not wearing, phones, pagers and other electronics, food and drinks stay in your car. Car keys and remotes go in the lobby key box or a locker. No cameras or recording equipment.[1]
FOR A BABY	Per child: 2 diapers, 1 unopened pack of wipes, 1 change of clothes, 2 clear baby bottles with contents, 2 small unopened jars of baby food, 1 receiving blanket, 1 clear drinking cup and 1 clear bag no bigger than 12 x 16 inches.[1]
WHAT NOT TO WEAR	No low-cut, see-through, tube or tank tops, no cleavage showing, no wrap-around or sleeveless tops, no shorts, no backless clothes, no sweat pants, no plain white or brown T-shirts, and **no forest green (dark green) clothing**. No tight or skin-tight clothing, no leggings or jeggings. Closed-toe shoes only: no flip-flops, slippers or shoes with wheels. No hats, head wraps, hoods or sunglasses (religious head covering excepted). Underwear is required.[1]
TOUCHING	An embrace and a kiss at the start and end of the visit. No holding hands, no arms around each other, and no arm on the back of a chair. You sit across from each other. They may not cover their face or hands with a blanket.[1]
AT THE FCI	They wear a forest green uniform with a white or brown T-shirt, buttoned and tucked in, with issued boots or shoes and socks.[1]
WALSH ACT	People with a sex offense involving a minor are seated where staff can watch closely. They may not go into the children's play area.[1]
WAITING	No one may stay in a parked car. Anyone who is not visiting must leave the grounds.[1]

ALL VISITING DAYS AND HOURS

WHERE	DAYS	HOURS
FCI (main prison)	Saturday, Sunday, Monday and federal holidays	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Satellite camp	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays. Outside visiting is allowed at the camp.	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Special Housing Unit (SHU)	Non-contact, by video. Saturday, Sunday, Monday and federal holidays. Ordinarily two-hour visits.	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Social visits are not processed before 8:30 a.m. or after 2:00 p.m. SHU visits do not start after 1:00 p.m. Visits end at 3:00 p.m.[1]

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GETTING THERE

By car	From I-15 North, take the "D" Street exit and turn left on Highway 18. From I-15 South, take the "D" Street exit and turn right on Highway 18. Follow Route 66/Highway 18 to Air Expressway Blvd and turn left. Take Air Expressway Blvd to George Blvd and turn left onto the prison property. From Highway 395, turn left on Air Expressway Blvd and then right on George Blvd onto the prison property.
Phones, bus, train	Medium I (FCI I): (760) 246-2400. Satellite camp: (760) 530-5700. The rules list Greyhound at (800) 231-2222 and Amtrak at (800) 872-7245, and say there is an airport, taxis and an Amtrak stop nearby.

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 VICTORVILLE MEDIUM I

Rules dated **March 1, 2022** (4 years old)

Official rules (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/vim/vim_visit.pdf) En español (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/vim/vim_visit_sp.pdf)

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

These rules contradict themselves. When two rules disagree, dress by the stricter one.

Skirts and dresses	Skirts/dresses/shorts no more than two inches above mid-knee (over age 10).
Shorts	Shorts allowed if no more than two inches above mid-knee; attachment bans shorts.
Colors to avoid	No forest green (dark green) pants, shirts, jackets, or coats. No plain white T-shirts (attachment adds brown t-shirts).
Leggings, spandex	No leggings, jeggings, spandex, leotards unless lower body covered. No tight or form fitting dresses such as knit or spandex.
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	Closed toe shoes required. No house shoes, flip-flops, or slippers.
Children	Length rule applies only to persons over 10 years old.

ALL 26 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- Skirts/dresses/shorts no more than two inches above mid-knee (over age 10).
  BOP wording: "Shorts, skirts or dresses must not be shorter than two inches above the mid-knee for persons over 10 years of age."
- Shorts allowed if no more than two inches above mid-knee; attachment bans shorts.
  BOP wording: "Shorts, skirts or dresses must not be"
- No tank tops; attachment also bans sleeveless clothing.
  BOP wording: "Tank tops are not permissible."
- No tops revealing rise of breast or cleavage, low-cut or unbuttoned.
  BOP wording: "reveal the rise of a breast(s) or cleavage (defined as the depression between a man or woman's breasts) is not appropriate"
- Tops must cover stomach, chest/breasts, and back.
  BOP wording: "Tops will cover the upper body, including stomach, chest/breasts, and back."
- No tube tops or backless clothing (attachment).
  BOP wording: "tops, tank tops, shorts, backless"
- No see-through clothing.

BOP wording: "Clothing made of see-through material will not be permitted."

- No tight or form fitting dresses such as knit or spandex.
  BOP wording: "Tight or form fitting dresses such as knit, Spandex, or any other material that is form fitting will not be"
- No leggings, jeggings, spandex, leotards unless lower body covered.
  BOP wording: "Any "pantyhose" type leggings, Jeggings, Spandex, leotards, etc."
- No pants with holes unless lower body is covered.
  BOP wording: "or pants with holes, will not be permitted unless the"
- No sweat pants or sweat shorts.
  BOP wording: "sweat pants, sweat shorts, and plain white T-shirts are not permitted."

COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No forest green (dark green) pants, shirts, jackets, or coats.
  BOP wording: "Any forest green (dark green) colored pants, shirts, jackets or coats are not permitted."
- No plain white T-shirts (attachment adds brown t-shirts).
  BOP wording: "sweat pants, sweat shorts, and plain white T-shirts are not permitted."

BRAS, UNDERWEAR AND METAL

- All appropriate undergarments are required (attachment).
  BOP wording: "undergarments are required."

SHOES

- Closed toe shoes required.
  BOP wording: "Closed toe shoes are required."
- No house shoes, flip-flops, or slippers.
  BOP wording: "beach style footwear (i.e., flip-flops, slippers) may not be worn."

HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No hats, visors, head wraps, or headbands.
  BOP wording: "Head-wear, such as hats, visors, head wraps, or headbands (with the exception of"
- Religious head-wear is allowed.
  BOP wording: "(with the exception of religious head-wear)"
- No hooded clothing or shirts.
  BOP wording: "any hooded clothing or shirts will not be permitted in the visiting room."

CHILDREN

- Length rule applies only to persons over 10 years old.
  BOP wording: "for persons over 10 years of age."

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No clothing with suggestive or offensive words or pictures.
  BOP wording: "Clothing with suggestive or offensive words or pictures will not be permitted."
- No excessively revealing clothing.
  BOP wording: "Excessively revealing clothing is not permitted."
- No wrap-around dresses, skirts, or tops.

BOP wording: "Dresses, skirts, or tops that wrap around the body,"

- No sunglasses.
  BOP wording: "Sun glasses, or any hooded clothing or shirts"

IF THEY SAY NO

- Visitors violating dress code may change before being denied.
  BOP wording: "Inmate visitors who do not adhere to the visitor dress code will be given the opportunity to change into appropriate attire prior to being denied a visit."
- Any other clothing deemed inappropriate for prison not authorized.
  BOP wording: "Any clothing not noted above that is deemed inappropriate for wear in a correctional facility will not be authorized."

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 Victorville Medium I

P.O. Box 3725

Adelanto, CA 92301

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

The handbook gives the Medium I inmate mail address as **P.O. Box 3725, Adelanto, CA 92301**, and says to put their committed name, register number and "FCI I" in the address. It lists a different box for each Victorville prison, so check you have the right one.[2]

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

THE MAIL RULES

MAIL DAYS	Mail is ordinarily handed out Monday through Friday, except holidays, by the unit officer. Newspapers and magazines come at the same time.[2]
THEIR LETTERS TO YOU	Outgoing letters cannot be sealed. They must spell out the full prison name on the envelope and use a return address. Plain white envelopes are sold in the commissary and given free to people who are indigent.[2]
CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS	Any negotiable instruments received in the mail are rejected and returned to the sender.[2]
LEGAL MAIL	Opened in front of them. The sender must give their full name and title on the envelope, and the envelope must be marked "Special Mail: Open Only in the Presence of the Inmate."[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. VIX 5267.09, Visiting Regulations, Victorville complex (March 1, 2022) bop.gov/locations/institutions/vim/vim_visit.pdf
2. FCC Victorville Inmate Handbook (updated September 2021) bop.gov/locations/institutions/vim/vim_ao-handbook.pdf