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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: FCI BASTROP

Federal Correctional Institution · Bastrop, TX · Phone 512-321-3903

VISITING

VISITING HOURS AND DAYS

WHO	DAYS	HOURS
FCI (main prison)	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays	8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Special Housing Unit (SHU)	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays	8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Satellite camp	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays	8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Visitors will normally not be let in after 2:15 p.m. The rules also say the last visitors are processed 60 minutes before visiting ends. At the FCI, processing stops during counts, and visitors wait until the count clears. The FCI has no non-contact visiting area right now.

The visiting rules give no regular visiting days except Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays. [1]

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

HOW MANY VISITS	At the FCI they get **8 points on the 1st of each month**. Every weekend or holiday visit costs **2 points**, so that is **4 visits a month**. Points do not carry over. At the camp they get 10 points a month, which is 5 visits. Legal, professional and Prisoner Visitation (PVS) visits are free. At the FCI they get one trip to the visiting room per day (two at the camp). [1]
HOW MANY PEOPLE	FCI: no more than **5 people at a time, children of any age included**. Camp: no more than 6 at a time, children included. [1]
WHO CAN BE ON THE LIST	Up to **25 visitors** in total. That includes immediate family, other relatives, and generally no more than **10 friends and associates**. A background check (NCIC) is done on everyone. [1]
ID	Everyone **16 or older** needs valid state or government photo ID. Every visitor fills out the **"Notification to Visitor" form, BP-A0224**, and signs it in front of staff, then signs the visitor log. [1]

SCREENING	You walk through a metal detector. If you cannot clear it for medical reasons, you need a medical card from a certified provider or you cannot enter. Everything you bring goes through an x-ray scan, and coats, sweaters, shoes and belts can be searched. Visitors can also be pat-searched at random. [1]
MONEY FOR VENDING MACHINES	Up to **$40.00** in coins and small bills, plus **one credit or debit card**. At the FCI, food from the machines is taken out of its wrapper and put on a paper plate or napkin before you sit down. All food must be eaten before you leave. [1]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	No purses, bags, handbags, packages, strollers, hats or watches in the visiting room. Cell phones and cameras must be stored before you enter. You may bring a car or house key. If medicine is needed, staff may hold the amount needed once the Operations Lieutenant approves. [1]
FOR A BABY	3 diapers, 1 unopened pack of wipes, 1 change of clothes, 2 clear baby bottles with formula, 2 small unopened jars of baby food, 1 receiving blanket, 1 clear cup, and 1 clear bag no larger than 12 by 16 inches. There is no nursing area; nursing mothers may leave the room to nurse and come back. [1]
WHAT TO WEAR	No tight, see-through or spandex clothing (no leggings or yoga pants), tank tops, halter tops or sleeveless shirts, hooded clothing, sweatpants, clothing with holes, plunging necklines, wrap-around skirts, **khaki, camouflage, orange or gray clothing**, hats or caps (religious headgear only), **open-toed shoes, sandals, flip-flops or Crocs**, plain white T-shirts, hospital scrubs, or watches. Skirts must touch the bottom of the knee when you sit. Shorts are only for children. [1]
TOUCHING	Handshakes, holding hands, a kiss and an embrace, only when the visit starts and when it ends. Legs intertwined or arms wrapped around a back are not tolerated. [1]
PARKING	If you arrive early, you cannot stand in the parking lot or in front of the entrance. Lock your car. Park in the visitor lot, not in staff spaces. Leave the grounds right after the visit. [1]
WHEN IT GETS CROWDED	The FCI visiting room seats 170 and the camp room 105. Staff ask visitors who live within 100 miles (local visitors) to volunteer first. If needed, they end the visits of the first groups in arrival order. They also consider the weather, how often you visit and how far you traveled. [1]

HOW TO GET ON THE VISITING LIST

1. They give staff a list of proposed visitors during orientation. Staff investigate, and then give them an approved list.
2. Immediate family named in their pre-sentence report are ordinarily approved after a background check. The inmate starts the visitor forms.
3. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, in-laws and cousins fill out the **Visitor Information form, BP-A0629**, before they are considered.
4. The unit counselor tells them if someone is denied. **They** tell you. Do not drive until you are approved.
5. They can change the list at any time by sending an "Inmate Request to Staff" form to their unit team. There is no limit on how many times they change it.
6. If they transfer in, the old list counts only if the file shows proper paperwork for a low-security prison.

Fill out the visiting form for Bastrop

[1]

DRIVING DIRECTIONS (FROM THE BOP)

FROM AUSTIN (HIGHWAY 71)	Take Highway 71 East to Highway 95 in Bastrop. Follow Highway 95 North about 6 miles to the institution entrance.
FROM AUSTIN (HIGHWAY 290)	Take Highway 290 East to Highway 95 in Elgin. Follow Highway 95 South about 9 miles to the institution entrance.
TAXI	Airport Shuttle & Taxi: (512) 303-5505. Austin Yellow Cab: (512) 452-9999.

Street address for your GPS: 1341 Highway 95 North, Bastrop, Tx 78602. [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 BASTROP

Rules dated **December 31, 2025** (1 year old)

Official rules (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/bas/bas_visit.pdf) En español (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/bas/bas_visit_sp.pdf)

Skirts and dresses	Skirts must touch the bottom of the knee when sitting.
Shorts	No shorts; shorts allowed only for children.
Colors to avoid	No khaki colored pants or shirts. No orange clothing. No grey clothing. No plain white tee shirts.
Leggings, spandex	No spandex clothing such as leggings or yoga pants. No tight 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 clothing.
Shoes	No open-toed shoes. No sandals, flip-flops, or Crocs of any type.
Children	Children may wear shorts.

ALL 27 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- Skirts must touch the bottom of the knee when sitting.
  BOP wording: "Skirts that are not touching the bottom of the knee when"
- No shorts; shorts allowed only for children.
  BOP wording: "Shorts (shorts are only allowed for children)"
- No tank tops or sleeveless shirts.
  BOP wording: "Halter tops/sleeveless shirts"
- No plunging necklines.
  BOP wording: "e Plunging necklines"
- No halter tops.
  BOP wording: "Halter tops/sleeveless shirts"
- No transparent clothing.
  BOP wording: "e Transparent clothing"
- No tight clothing.
  BOP wording: "e Tight clothing"
- No spandex clothing such as leggings or yoga pants.
  BOP wording: "Spandex clothing (i.e., legging/yoga pants)"
- No holes in clothing.
  BOP wording: "e Holes in clothing"

- No jogging pants or sweatpants.
  BOP wording: "e Jogging/sweatpants e Halter tops/sleeveless shirts"

COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki colored pants or shirts.
  BOP wording: "Khaki colored pants or shirts"
- No orange clothing.
  BOP wording: "Camouflage, Orange or Grey clothing"
- No grey clothing.
  BOP wording: "Camouflage, Orange or Grey clothing"
- No plain white tee shirts.
  BOP wording: "e Plain white tee shirts"
- No camouflage clothing.
  BOP wording: "Camouflage, Orange or Grey clothing"

BRAS, UNDERWEAR AND METAL

- No watches and no excessive jewelry.
  BOP wording: "e Excessive jewelry"

SHOES

- No open-toed shoes.
  BOP wording: "Open-toed shoes (i.e., sandals, flipflops)"
- No sandals, flip-flops, or Crocs of any type.
  BOP wording: "Open-toed shoes (i.e., sandals, flipflops)"

HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No hats or caps.
  BOP wording: "Hats, caps (only religious headgear)"
- Only religious headgear is allowed.
  BOP wording: "Hats, caps (only religious headgear)"
- No hooded clothing.
  BOP wording: "e Hooded clothing"

CHILDREN

- Children may wear shorts.
  BOP wording: "Shorts (shorts are only allowed for children)"

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No clothing with vulgar or offensive wording or pictures.
  BOP wording: "Clothing displaying vulgar/offensive wording or pictures"
- No purses or bags of any kind.
  BOP wording: "Purses or bags of any kind"
- No wrap-around skirts.
  BOP wording: "e Wrap-around skirts"

- No revealing clothing.
  BOP wording: "e Any revealing clothing"
- No hospital scrubs or medical uniforms.
  BOP wording: "Hospital scrubs or medical uniforms"

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 Bastrop
P.O. Box 1010
Bastrop, Tx 78602

The camp has its own P.O. Box (see the address above). Put their name and register number on the envelope. [2]

Use the P.O. Box only. Never mail to the street address (1341 Highway 95 North, Bastrop, Tx 78602).

PHOTOCOPIED	Regular mail is photocopied. They get a **black-and-white copy**, and photographs are copied in black and white too. The original is kept for 30 days and then destroyed. [2]
PAPER	Letters must be on single-sided **8.5 by 11 white paper** (lined paper is fine), no more than **5 sheets** per envelope. No colored paper, card stock, construction paper or postcards. Anything sprayed with perfume is rejected. [2]
BOOKS	At a low-security prison they may get softcover books from any source. Hardcover books and newspapers must come from the publisher, a book club or a bookstore. [2]
PACKAGES	Every package needs approval first. [2]
MAIL DAYS	Mail is handed out Monday through Friday (not holidays) by the evening officer in each unit. Legal mail is opened in front of them, and the envelope may be photocopied. [2]
THEIR LETTERS TO YOU	At a low-security prison their outgoing letters may be sealed and are sent out unopened. [2]
MONEY	Never put money in a letter. Use the BOP lockbox in Des Moines, Iowa, or Western Union or MoneyGram (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. BAS 5267.09E, Visiting Regulations (December 31, 2025) bop.gov/locations/institutions/bas/bas_visit.pdf
2. FCI Bastrop Admission and Orientation Handbook (updated August 2, 2021) bop.gov/locations/institutions/bas/bas_ao-handbook.pdf