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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: FCI ESTILL

Federal Correctional Institution · Estill, SC · Phone 803-625-4607

VISIT CARD · CUT OUT AND KEEP IN THE CAR

WHEN
Friday evening, plus weekends and feder...
The handbook gives no other visiting days.[1]

HOURS
Friday 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m....
Visitors who arrive after 7:30 p.m.[1]

WHO CAN COME
four adult visitors
A maximum of four adult visitors in the visiting room at a time.[1]

BRING
16 or older
Everyone 16 or older needs valid photo ID: driver's license, state ID, photo ID or passport.[1]

CALL FIRST
803-625-4607
Call before you drive, every time.

BEFORE YOU GO: GET ON THE LIST

1. Your loved one gives their counselor a visiting list. Only people on the approved list can visit.
2. Immediate family (wife, children, parents, brothers, sisters) found in their pre-sentence report are ordinarily put on the list for a **30 day** grace period. During that time they send you the visiting forms.
3. Other visitors fill out an information sheet and a signed release. The handbook also asks for at least **two notarized statements** from people who are not family, saying they knew the relationship before prison.
4. Do not visit until your loved one tells you that you are approved.[1]

AT THE DOOR

SCREENING	All visitors must clear the **metal detector** and may get a random pat search. Visitors who refuse a search or test are not allowed in and may lose visiting privileges.[1]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	Everything else stays in your car. A reasonable amount of diapers, infant care items and feminine hygiene products are allowed. No food, because there are vending machines. Hats, hair wraps and scarves are not allowed, except a hijab.[1]
WHAT TO WEAR	Not allowed: low-cut or see-through clothes, tube or tank tops, backless or sleeveless clothes, shorts of any type (children under 10 may wear shorts), no bra, bare midriffs, bathing suits, spandex or tight clothes, camouflage, khaki-type or colored button-down shirts, clothes like the prison uniform, sweat pants, wind pants, and offensive logos. Skirts must come below the knees.[1]
TOUCHING	A kiss, embrace and handshake are allowed only when the visitor arrives and when they leave.[1]
MONEY	They cannot receive coins or money for their commissary account in the visiting room.[1]
PHOTOS	Photos are taken in the visiting room on Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Children under 10 may sit on a lap.[1]

ALL VISITING DAYS AND HOURS

WHERE	DAYS	HOURS
Main prison (FCI)	Friday evening, plus weekends and federal holidays	Friday 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; weekends and holidays 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Visitors who arrive after 7:30 p.m. on Friday, or after 2:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays, are not allowed to visit. Any exception must be approved by the warden.[1]

The handbook gives no other visiting days. **Please call before you drive.** The BOP does not post a visiting-rules paper for Estill. The only BOP document with visiting hours is the handbook, and it was last revised in **March 2013**. The prison was damaged by a tornado in 2020 and reopened after rebuilding in 2026, so these hours may have changed. Call 803-625-4607.

GETTING THERE

By car	FCI Estill is about 63 miles north of Savannah, Georgia, 76 miles west of Charleston, South Carolina, and 3 miles south of the Estill city limits. Use US 321 and South Carolina Route 3. From the north on I-95 use Exit 5; from the south on I-95 use Exit 38 (at Yemassee). There are no local taxi companies at the Hampton County bus or train station.

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 ESTILL

Rules dated **March 2013** (13 years old) · from the prisoners' handbook; no visiting rules posted

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

Skirts and dresses	Skirts, including slits, must extend below the knees.
Shorts	No shorts of any type; children under 10 may wear shorts.
Colors to avoid	No khaki button-down shirts or trousers like inmate issue (FCI). No green clothing like inmate issue (camp visiting room).
Leggings, spandex	No spandex tops or bottoms. No figure- or form-fitting (tight) clothing.
Bras and metal	No braless visitors.
Camouflage, military	No camouflage/combat military clothing. No combat military type clothing.
Shoes	Not in the written rules.
Children	Children under 10 may wear shorts; list applies to adult-bodied visitors.

ALL 21 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- Skirts, including slits, must extend below the knees.
  BOP wording: "All skirts, including splits in front, side or back, must extend below the knees"
- No shorts of any type; children under 10 may wear shorts.
  BOP wording: "shorts of any type (children under the age of 10 may wear shorts);"
- No sleeveless clothing or tank tops.
  BOP wording: "backless clothing; sleeveless clothing;"
- No low-cut clothing.
  BOP wording: "Low-cut or see-through clothing;"
- No bare midriffs.
  BOP wording: "braless; bare midriffs;"
- No tube tops or backless clothing.
  BOP wording: "tube or tank tops; backless clothing;"
- No see-through clothing.
  BOP wording: "see-through clothing; tube or tank tops;"
- No figure- or form-fitting (tight) clothing.
  BOP wording: "figure- or form-fitting (tight) clothing of any type;"
- No spandex tops or bottoms.
  BOP wording: "spandex type tops or bottoms;"
- No bathing suits regardless of age.

BOP wording: "bathing suits (bathing suits are not permitted regardless of age);"

- No sweat pants or wind pants.
  BOP wording: "sweat pants; wind pants;"

COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki button-down shirts or trousers like inmate issue (FCI).
  BOP wording: "khaki-type/colored button-down shirts;"
- No green clothing like inmate issue (camp visiting room).
  BOP wording: "green-colored clothing similar to institution-issued clothing (SPC"
- No camouflage/combat military clothing.
  BOP wording: "camouflage/combat military type clothing;"
- No combat military type clothing.
  BOP wording: "camouflage/combat military type clothing;"

BRAS, UNDERWEAR AND METAL

- No braless visitors.
  BOP wording: "wear shorts); braless; bare midriffs;"

HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No hats, hair wraps or scarves.
  BOP wording: "Hats, hair wraps, and scarves, with the exception of the "hijab," are not permitted inside the institution."
- Hijab allowed.
  BOP wording: "with the exception of the "hijab,""

CHILDREN

- Children under 10 may wear shorts; list applies to adult-bodied visitors.
  BOP wording: "children under the age of 10 may wear shorts"

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No offensive logos, quotes or lettering.
  BOP wording: "inappropriate logos, quotes or lettering on clothing that is offensive;"

IF THEY SAY NO

- Duty officer consulted before denying entry for attire.
  BOP wording: "The duty officer will be consulted prior to denying a visitor's entry into the institution because of his/her attire."

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 Estill
P.O. Box 699
Estill, SC 29918

The envelope, filled in. Their name and number must match the BOP Inmate Locator exactly.[1]

Put their committed name and register number on the envelope. Mail goes to the P.O. Box shown on the Mail tab.[1]

> **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, not on weekends or holidays.[1]
LEGAL MAIL	Must be marked "SPECIAL MAIL - open only in the presence of the inmate" and show the attorney's name. Unit staff give it to them as soon as possible.[1]
REJECTED MAIL	If mail is rejected, the sender gets a written notice with the reason and can appeal.[1]
MONEY	Never put money in a letter. Send it to the BOP lockbox in Des Moines (see the Money tab).[1]

Sources

1. FCI Estill Inmate Information Handbook (last revised March 2013) bop.gov/locations/institutions/est/est_ao-handbook.pdf