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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

# VISIT PACKET: USP BIG SANDY

U.S. Penitentiary · Inez, KY · Phone 606-433-2400

## VISITING

## VISITING HOURS AND DAYS

| WHO | DAYS | HOURS |
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| Not published | The BOP page for Big Sandy has a "Visiting Regulations" link, but it is blank. We found no Big Sandy visiting rules. | Call 606-433-2400 before you drive |

**We could not confirm visiting days, hours or cutoff times for Big Sandy.** Call the prison at 606-433-2400 before you drive.

No Big Sandy visiting document is available, so no visiting days are listed here.

**The BOP's own papers disagree.** The BOP page for USP Big Sandy has two problems. Its "Visiting Regulations" link goes nowhere. Its "Admissions & Orientation Handbook" link opens the handbook for FCI Big Spring, Texas (updated December 18, 2023), which is a different prison. We did not use that handbook. Call 606-433-2400 before you drive.

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

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| VISITING RULES | Not published in a Big Sandy document. |

### HOW TO GET ON THE VISITING LIST

1. Ask your loved one's counselor how to get on the visiting list. We found no Big Sandy document that says. Use the visiting form on this site for the BOP's standard visitor form.

Fill out the visiting form for Big Sandy

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS (FROM THE BOP)

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| DIRECTIONS | Not published in a Big Sandy document we could read. |

Street address for your GPS: 1197 Airport Road, Inez, Ky 41224.

## 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.

## USP BIG SANDY

Rules dated **December 18, 2023** (3 years old) · from the prisoners' handbook; no visiting rules posted

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

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| **Skirts and dresses** | Skirts not two inches or more above the knee; no long slits. |
| **Shorts** | No shorts or skirts worn above the knee. |
| **Colors to avoid** | No khaki-colored clothing. |
| **Leggings, spandex** | No Lycra or spandex clothing. No tight or form-fitting clothing. |
| **Bras and metal** | No underwire bras, body piercings, or excess metal that fails detector. |
| **Camouflage, military** | No camouflage clothing. |
| **Shoes** | No open-toed shoes. No slippers or crocs. |
| **Children** | Not in the written rules. |

### ALL 24 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

### LENGTH AND FIT

- Skirts not two inches or more above the knee; no long slits.
  *BOP wording: "slits in the middle or side; skirts two inches or more above the knee,"*
- No shorts or skirts worn above the knee.
  *BOP wording: "shirts, or dresses; shorts or skirts worn above the knee."*
- No sleeveless blouses or tank tops.
  *BOP wording: "visit. Visitors may not wear: any revealing clothing such as sleeveless,"*
- No deep V-neck blouses, shirts, or dresses.
  *BOP wording: "(including see through shirts with a shirt underneath); deep v—neck blouses,"*
- No midriff shirts; shirts tucked in or belted for ages 4 and up.
  *BOP wording: "halter tops or midriff shirts (shirts will be tucked in or belted for all"*
- No strapless or bareback blouses.
  *BOP wording: "strapless or bareback blouses, tank top shirts; dresses or skirts with long"*
- No halter tops.
  *BOP wording: "halter tops or midriff shirts (shirts will be tucked in or belted for all"*
- No see-through clothing, even with a shirt underneath; no fishnet.
  *BOP wording: "(including see through shirts with a shirt underneath); deep v—neck blouses,"*
- No tight or form-fitting clothing.
  *BOP wording: "miniskirt or wrap around skirts; tight, form—fitting or see through clothing"*
- No Lycra or spandex clothing.
  *BOP wording: "Lycra or spandex clothing; athletic shorts/sweat suits (cloth material) or"*

- No swimwear.
  *BOP wording: "wind suits; athletic jerseys; swimwear; slippers, crocs, open toed shoes; or"*
- No athletic shorts, sweat suits, or wind suits.
  *BOP wording: "Lycra or spandex clothing; athletic shorts/sweat suits (cloth material) or"*

## COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki-colored clothing.
  *BOP wording: "any khaki or camouflage in color clothing. Jackets cannot be used to cover up"*
- No camouflage clothing.
  *BOP wording: "any khaki or camouflage in color clothing. Jackets cannot be used to cover up"*

## BRAS, UNDERWEAR AND METAL

- No underwire bras, body piercings, or excess metal that fails detector.
  *BOP wording: "to include body piercings, excess metal on clothing, and under wires in bras"*
- No metal items, including body piercings, that won't clear detector.
  *BOP wording: "an unauthorized shirt. All metal items which will not clear the metal detector"*

## SHOES

- No open-toed shoes.
  *BOP wording: "wind suits; athletic jerseys; swimwear; slippers, crocs, open toed shoes; or"*
- No slippers or crocs.
  *BOP wording: "wind suits; athletic jerseys; swimwear; slippers, crocs, open toed shoes; or"*

## HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No caps, hats, or scarves of any kind.
  *BOP wording: "Other prohibited clothing includes: caps, hats, and scarves of any kind; long"*
- No coats, sweaters or jackets with hoods attached.
  *BOP wording: "coats, sweaters and jackets that have hoods attached or extended below the"*
- No long coats below knee; jackets cannot cover unauthorized shirts.
  *BOP wording: "any khaki or camouflage in color clothing. Jackets cannot be used to cover up"*

## EVERYTHING ELSE

- No gang or club symbols; no sexual or offensive language.
  *BOP wording: "knee; clothing of any type which would symbolize club or gang activity or"*
- No miniskirts or wrap-around skirts.
  *BOP wording: "miniskirt or wrap around skirts; tight, form—fitting or see through clothing"*
- No athletic jerseys.
  *BOP wording: "wind suits; athletic jerseys; swimwear; slippers, crocs, open toed shoes; or"*

## 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**
**USP Big Sandy**
**P.O. Box 2068**
**Inez, Ky 41224**

The camp uses the same P.O. Box.

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**Use the P.O. Box only.** Never mail to the street address (1197 Airport Road, Inez, Ky 41224).

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| **MAIL RULES** | Not published in a Big Sandy document. Call 606-433-2400. |

**Books and magazines:** at a high security prison, books and magazines must come straight from a publisher, book club or bookstore (Amazon, for example), never from home.