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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: USP VICTORVILLE

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VISITING

VISITING HOURS AND DAYS

WHO	DAYS	HOURS
USP (main prison)	Saturday, Sunday, Monday and federal holidays	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Special Housing Unit (SHU)	Visits are limited to two hours. Non-contact visiting room. Visitors are not processed after 1:00 p.m.	Within 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Holdover inmates (passing through)	Fridays. They may ask for visiting privileges 30 days after they arrive.	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Social visits are not processed before 8:30 a.m. or after 2:00 p.m. Visits end at 3:00 p.m.

The complex rules list social visits only on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and federal holidays. [1]

The BOP's own papers disagree. The handbook (**August 2021**) and the visiting rules (**March 1, 2022**) do not match on a few points. **Vending money:** the handbook says up to $20.00 in $1 bills and coins; the rules say up to $20 in coins. **Number of visitors:** the handbook says 4 visitors, children over age 2 included, plus 3 children under 2; the rules say 4 approved visitors plus up to 3 children under 10 who do not take a seat. **Skirts and shorts:** the handbook says to the middle of the kneecap; the rules say not shorter than two inches above the middle of the knee for anyone over 10; the visitor handout says not above the bend of the knee. **Points:** the handbook says each person gets 40 visiting points a month; the rules do not mention points. Go by the newer rules and call (760) 530-5000 before you drive.

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

HOW MANY VISITS

The handbook (2021) says visiting runs on a point system. Each person gets **40 points on the first of each month**. Two points per hour (or part of an hour) are taken on weekends and holidays, and one point per hour on weekdays. Unused points do not carry over. The newer rules do not mention points. [2]

HOW MANY PEOPLE	Up to **4 approved visitors** at a time. Up to 3 more children under age 10 may come if they do not take a seat (on a lap or in the play area). A child who takes a seat counts as an adult visitor. Children under 16 must come with a responsible adult. Children may not sit on the floor. [1]
ID	Everyone **16 or older** needs valid photo ID: a state or government photo ID, driver's license, military ID or passport. Foreign ID is not accepted, except a passport; consulate-issued cards are not accepted. The handbook says a passport must show a current date stamp for entry into the United States. Children under 16 with a parent or guardian do not need ID. [1]
FORMS	You read and sign **BP-A0224, Notification to Visitor**, and sign the visitor log book. When you leave, staff check your ID and your hand stamp. [1]
SCREENING	You walk through a **metal detector**. You may also be screened by an electronic drug detection device. Breath tests, urine tests and pat searches must be approved by the Warden or a designee. Anyone drunk, on drugs or carrying a weapon is not let in. [1]
MONEY FOR VENDING MACHINES	Up to **$20 in coins** (the handbook says $1 bills and coins), in your clear bag. Your loved one cannot take money from you. [1]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	Only a small clear plastic bag no bigger than 8 by 12 inches, up to $20 for vending machines, photo ID, and essential medicine (an asthma inhaler or nitroglycerin, only what you need for the visit; the officer keeps it). Per baby: 2 diapers, 1 unopened pack of wipes, 1 change of clothes, 2 clear bottles with contents, 2 small unopened jars of baby food, 1 receiving blanket, 1 clear cup, and a clear bag no bigger than 12 by 16 inches. [1]
NOT ALLOWED IN	Cameras and recorders, food and drinks, purses, coats and jackets you are not wearing, cell phones, pagers and other electronics. They stay in your car. Keys and vehicle remotes go in the key box or a locker at the front lobby. You may not bring anything for your loved one. [1]
WHAT NOT TO WEAR	Tops must cover the stomach, chest and back. No tank tops, see-through clothes, wrap tops, or tops that show cleavage. No dresses or skirts with a slit above the knee, no wrap dresses or skirts, and nothing tight or form-fitting. No leggings, jeggings, spandex or skin-tight pants, and no pants with holes. Closed-toe shoes only: no flip-flops or slippers, and no shoes with wheels. No sweat pants, sweat shorts, plain white T-shirts, or anything forest green. No hats, visors, head wraps or headbands (religious head covering is fine), no sunglasses and no hooded clothes. [1]
TOUCHING	A hug and kiss in good taste at the start and the end of the visit. No hand holding and no arms around each other or on the chair back. You sit across from each other and may not move chairs. [1]
WHAT THEY WEAR	At the USP they change into a jump suit and shower shoes the officer gives them. [1]
PARKING	Park only in the marked visitor areas. No one may wait in a parked car. People who are not visiting must leave the grounds. All vehicles may be searched. [1]
WHEN IT GETS CROWDED	The visiting room has a posted capacity. The Operations Lieutenant or Duty Officer can deny or end visits when it is full. [1]

HOW TO GET ON THE VISITING LIST

1. The visiting list holds at most **20 visitors**. Your loved one can ask to change it by sending an Inmate Request to Staff Member during their Unit Team's open house hours, as often as they want.
2. The complex rules do not name the form for joining the list. (The BOP's national visitor form is BP-A0629; not confirmed in these papers.)
3. The **Unit Manager** approves or denies each visitor. A problem on the application, or a hit on the background check (NCIC), can mean a denial. A past conviction does not automatically bar a visit.
4. Visits are ordinarily for people your loved one knew before prison. The Warden can approve exceptions. Immediate family can only be turned down for "strong circumstances that preclude visiting."
5. If you are denied, the Unit Manager tells your loved one, and **they** tell you. Do not drive until you are approved.

Fill out the visiting form for Victorville

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS (FROM THE BOP)

THE ADDRESS	FCC Victorville is at 13777 Air Expressway Blvd., Victorville, California.
FROM INTERSTATE 15	Take the "D" Street exit. From I-15 North, turn left on Highway 18. From I-15 South, 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 FCC property.
FROM HIGHWAY 395	Turn left on Air Expressway Blvd. Go to George Blvd and turn right onto FCC property.
FROM THE NORTH (THE HANDBOOK'S DIRECTIONS)	Interstate 15 South. Exit Mojave Dr. and turn right. Go to Village Dr. and turn right. Go to Air Expressway Blvd and turn left. Go to George Blvd and turn left to arrive at FCC Victorville.
BUS, TRAIN AND TAXI	Greyhound: 800-231-2222. Amtrak: 800-872-7245. Taxi service for Hesperia, Victorville, Apple Valley and Adelanto: 760-246-7752. (Handbook, 2021.)

Street address for your GPS: 13777 Air Expressway Blvd, Victorville, Ca 92394. [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.

USP VICTORVILLE

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

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 Victorville
P.O. Box 3900
Adelanto, Ca 92301

The handbook (2021) gives the mailing address for USP as **P.O. Box 3900, Adelanto, CA 92301**, with their name, register number and the prison name. Ask your loved one to confirm the unit line. [2]

Use the P.O. Box only. Never mail to the street address (13777 Air Expressway Blvd, Victorville, Ca 92394).

WHITE ONLY	All incoming general mail, envelopes and paper must be **white**. Mail on colored paper or cardstock, or with crayon or marker, is rejected. [2]
NO LABELS	Mail with a **label** for the address or return address is rejected. Write it in ink or use an address stamp. [2]
NO FRAGRANCE	Mail sprayed with perfume or cologne is rejected. [2]
CARDS	All homemade greeting cards are rejected. Store-bought cards are photocopied and they get the copy, not the card. [2]
MAIL DAYS	Mail is handed out Monday through Friday, except holidays. Newspapers and magazines come at the same time. [2]
LEGAL MAIL	Opened only in front of them, if the sender is fully identified and the envelope says "Special Mail: Open Only in the Presence of the Inmate." Attorney envelopes are photocopied; they do not get the original envelope. [2]
CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS	Negotiable instruments sent in the mail to them are rejected and returned. [2]
MONEY	Never put money in a letter. Send it to Federal Bureau of Prisons, [Register number], [Name], Post Office Box 474701, Des Moines, Iowa 50947-0001. Money order, government check or business check only. No personal checks or cash. [2]

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.

Sources

1. VIX 5267.09, Visiting Regulations, Complex Supplement for FCC Victorville (March 1, 2022) bop.gov/locations/institutions/vim/vim_visit.pdf
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