



ENHANCED CAPITOL SECURITY

Beginning January 10, 2017 visitors entering the Missouri Capitol will be subject to search. X-ray conveyors and walk-through magnetometers will be operated by law enforcement officers and security personnel to ensure firearms and other dangerous items do not enter the building. The following protocols will be in place:

Visitors will be required to enter the Capitol Building through a searched entrance. These entrance points are located at the first floor South Carriage Tunnel and the first floor West entrance. This requirement also applies to contract employees, special guests, members of the media and lobbyists. The primary disabled entrance is the South First Floor Carriage Door. Secondly, the Capitol Basement Garage may be used. Members of the disabled public are subject to search when choosing to enter the Capitol.

Delivery drivers, who are not state employees, will no longer be able to drive into the Capitol Basement. They must unload outside of the Capitol Basement Garage and are subject to search by security by means of a hand-wand, as well as permitting their deliveries to be physically searched. Deliveries will also be allowed to enter the South First Floor Carriage door, subject to search.

State Employees:

Employees assigned to the Capitol and those with regular business in the Capitol will be vetted by state department directors, and issued appropriate electronic key card credentials for unsearched entry into the East First Floor, (Battleship) door; the West Basement, (cafeteria) door and the Southwest First Floor Carriage door.

School Groups:

Only children, (not yet in high school) not carrying backpacks, satchels, etc., would be allowed to bypass searches. Faculty and chaperons would not. They would normally be required to use the West First Floor Door, and be escorted by a security person or a DNR tour guide from their end transportation, near the North, (riverside) steps.

Category / others allowed to carry:

State, federal and local law enforcement officers, peace officers, probation and parole officers, wardens and superintendents of prisons or penitentiaries, members of the Armed Forces and National Guard, persons vested with judicial authority by the state or federal courts must use searched entries, but credentials would be verified by a law enforcement officer.

Those not fitting the previous category, wishing to enter the Capitol Building and legally in possession of a firearm will be asked to return the firearm to a secure location in their vehicle prior to entering. A concealed carry permit does not make an allowance for a firearm to be brought into the Capitol.

Prohibited Items:

Unless authorized, firearms and weapons of any kind, including any knife with a blade exceeding 4 inches; explosives; signs affixed to poles or standards and balloons. Anything illegal to possess under Missouri law may be seized and retained as evidence in a criminal prosecution.