



Alabama State House Visitor Policy

The Alabama Legislature welcomes visits by the public during or between sessions.

All visitors entering the Alabama State House at either the Union Street (front doors) or the Washington Avenue (side door) must sign in and be processed through a security screening checkpoint.

- All visitors must enter The Alabama State House through a metal detector. Hand-carried items will be run through an x-ray machine.
- Weapons of any kind, including electronic defense weapons, facsimile weapons, knives (*including tactical knives, folding knives, hunting knives, key chain knives, pen knives, pocket knives and credit card knives*), scissors, tasers, pepper spray, fireworks, firecrackers, sparklers and any other items that can be used as a weapon are not allowed into the State House.
- Weapons or items not declared upon entry will be confiscated by State House security and not returned.
- Tour group leaders **MUST** check in with State House Security.
- Tour groups should not bring bags and backpacks into the State House.
- Tour groups should use the stairs, which are located in the main lobby, to access the floors they are touring. Visitors who are physically unable to use the stairs are allowed to use the main lobby elevators.
- Occasionally, visitors may be delayed in entering the State House. Security officers will do what they can to expedite the screening process.
- Food and beverages are not allowed into the House and Senate Chambers and/or Galleries.
- Visitors should move about the State House quietly and in an orderly manner. Violators are subject to arrest and may be removed from the State House.
- Visitors shall not loiter in the main lobby.
- Visitors must leave signs, placards, posters, poster board, balloons, musical instruments, noise making devices, etc. with security at the front door before entering the building.
- Visitors can obtain information about the State House, legislators, and directions, from the Visitor Information Desk in the main lobby.
- All visitors must pass through security screening. Refusal will result in denial of entrance into the State House.
- No food or beverages of any kind and unopened packaged food are allowed in the State House for any purposes other than consumption.

Please note the State House is open Monday through Friday, 8a.m. to 5p.m., and other times the House and Senate are meeting in session. The building is usually closed on federal and state holidays.