

Instructions for Groups Touring the White House

Thank you for your interest in touring the White House. Please carefully review the following rules and procedures regarding your visit.

1. Group tours of the White House are scheduled Tuesday through Saturday, between 7:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. for parties of 10 or more people.
2. All attendees aged 14 and above are required to submit their name, date of birth, social security number and country of origin to their congressional office. Attendees under the age of 14 only need to submit their name and date of birth. This information must be submitted using the proper security template and sent to the Visitors Office through e-mail (visitors_office@whitehouse.gov). Please contact the Visitors Office if you do not have this template. Security information must be received at least 10 days prior to the tour date. Parties whose information is not submitted to the White House in the proper format and in this time frame will be subject to cancellation.
3. Groups should enter the White House complex from the south side of East Executive Avenue near the Southeast Gate. Groups arriving by bus should instruct their driver to drop them off at the southwest corner of 15th and E Streets where they will be met by a uniformed National Park Service Ranger.
4. Groups should arrive 15 minutes before their scheduled tour time. Late arrivals may not be accommodated.
5. All guests 15 years of age or older will be required to present photo identification with information exactly matching the name previously submitted for clearance. Individuals whose identification does not exactly match the name or data cleared for entry may be denied admittance.
6. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, the following: handbags, bookbags, backpacks, purses, food and beverages of any kind, strollers, cameras, video recorders or any type of recording device, tobacco products, personal grooming items (make up, hair brush or comb, lip or hand lotions, etc.), any pointed objects (pens, knitting needles, etc.), aerosol containers, guns, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, mace, martial arts weapons/devices, or knives of any size.

The U.S. Secret Service reserves the right to prohibit any other personal items. Neither the White House nor the U.S. Secret Service will provide coat or package check facilities. Individuals who arrive with prohibited items will not be permitted to enter the White House.

All necessary medications must be identified and remain in the custody of an adult chaperone or contact for the entire tour.

7. All persons and items entering the White House will be screened through a security process. Individuals may be requested to consent to an interview or additional security procedures before they are admitted to the White House complex.