



Lancaster County Prison Tour Policy and Requirements

Tour Requests

Anyone seeking to tour the Lancaster County Prison must submit a request, using the linked form, to the County's Chief Clerk and Lancaster County Prison Warden. Requests should include point of contact, purpose for the visit, number of participants, names and organizations for all prospective attendees and requested dates. All tour requests must be received no later than two weeks in advance of the requested tour date.

Please complete and submit the [Tour Request Form](#) to request a tour.

All tour requests must be reviewed and approved by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and Lancaster County Prison Warden prior to scheduling.

Lancaster County reserves the right to deny or cancel a tour request for any group or individual at any time for any reason.

Scheduling

Once the request is approved, Lancaster County Prison Staff will reach out to confirm scheduling. At that time, they will provide a waiver to be completed by all tour attendees. Any visitors under the age of 18 must complete a parental consent form in addition to the waiver. Waivers should be completed and returned no later than two business days prior to the tour. Any individual who does not complete the waiver will not be permitted to participate in the tour.

Identification

Upon their arrival to the facility, visitors must provide a current/valid government agency photo identification that lists the visitor's name, age and current address. A driver's license or state issued non-driver identification is preferred.

Failure to produce valid identification will result in a cancellation of the tour.

Prohibited Items

Visitors must pass through a metal detector prior to entering the facility. All visitors are subject to search. Any visitor who refuses a search when requested will be denied visitation.

Electronics

- Cell phones or smart watches
- Recording Devices Audio or Visual
- Audio Players/Headphones
- Computers

Clothing

- Shorts
- Tank-Tops/Tube-Tops
- Skirts/Dresses Above Knee Length
- Hoodies/Hooded Clothing
- Open-toed shoes
- Hats
- Hoop Earrings
- Loose Necklaces

Miscellaneous Items

- Glass
- Weapons
- Tobacco
- Drugs
- Alcohol
- E-Cigarettes or Vapes
- Food
- Beverages
- Chewing Gum

For a complete list of prohibited items visit: [Visitation Information | Lancaster County, PA - Official Website](#)

Parking and Vehicle Guidance

No parking is permitted on the Lancaster County Prison Property with the exception of the handicap spaces in the easternmost lot. Street parking is located along East King, North Franklin, East Orange and North Marshall Streets.

Lancaster County Prison recommends that vehicles should be locked while parked near the facility and vehicles should be secured, including windows rolled up and all external items or equipment properly stored.

Tour Program

Itinerary for the tour will be determined by Lancaster County Prison Staff. Requests to view specific programs or meet with staff should be clearly outlined in the initial requests. Prison Staff will review requests and accommodate if practical.

Visitors must strictly adhere to all instructions provided by Lancaster County Prison Staff. Prison Staff may conclude a tour at any time due to a failure to comply with instructions or observance of tour rules. Prison staff may interfere with the visit to maintain security, enforce prison rules or prevent infractions of tours rules.

Tours may vary in length. Most tours will be conducted within an hour to an hour and half.