

# Member and Capitol Complex Security



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TO: All Members of Congress

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SUBJECT: **Member and Capitol Complex Security**

Members of Congress and staff should be aware of the following important information:

### **TRAVEL SECURITY**

The SAA and USCP are continuing to partner with the Transportation Security Administration, Federal Air Marshal Service, and Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority to increase security for Members of Congress while traveling to and from Washington, D.C.

**Prior to Traveling:** To better serve offices, the SAA has created a portal to coordinate Member travel information. Offices wishing to share their Member's itinerary should complete the [Member Travel Security Information](#) form on HouseNet.

The SAA and USCP will make notifications to the appropriate law enforcement agencies for awareness. USCP will also be stationed at BWI, IAD, DCA and Union Station to provide extra security on days with increased Member travel. USCP will not be available for personal escorts. However, they will be in place to monitor as Members move throughout the airport.

We also strongly encourage Member Offices to establish relationships and coordinate with their local airport police and TSA officials.

**While Traveling:** Members and staff should remain vigilant of their surroundings and immediately report anything unusual or suspicious. Please keep the following phone numbers available should you need any security related assistance:

- **In case of emergency while traveling:**
  - Dial: 911
- **Questions regarding travel coordination:**
  - SAA Police Services: (202) 225-1000
- **Reporting any suspicious activity:**

- U.S. Capitol Police Investigations Division: (202) 224-1495

**Threats and Suspicious Activity:** We encourage all Members and staff to remain cautious and report suspicious activity to local law enforcement authorities. Please report all threats and concerning communications directed against the Member, the Member’s family, district office, or staff whether implicit or explicit, and any nuisance or unusual incidents. Report all threats and suspicious communications to the USCP - Threat Assessment Section at (202) 224-1495 or by emailing, [THREATS@uscp.gov](mailto:THREATS@uscp.gov). Remember, if the threat is of an imminent concern, please notify local law enforcement immediately, then report to USCP Threat Assessment Section. Should you have any questions regarding security please call SAA Police Services at 202-225-1000.

**PERIMETER SECURITY**

The perimeter fence remains in place and access to the House side of the Capitol, the House Office Buildings and grounds on the House side of the Capitol Complex remain restricted to Members and staff with a valid Congressional ID only.

The National Guard continues to maintain a presence on Capitol grounds to support the USCP with maintaining an increased security posture. Members and Congressional staff should present their Congressional ID to any law enforcement officer or National Guard member staffing access points to campus.

**ACCESS TO HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS**

Effective **Monday, February 1, 2021**, the following access points will be open until further notice:

**Vehicle Barricades**

IN SESSION		OUT OF SESSION	
New Jersey Avenue & Independence Avenue, SE	24 hours <b>For access to the Capitol only</b>	New Jersey Avenue & Independence Avenue, SE	24 hours <b>For access to the Capitol only</b>
New Jersey Avenue and D Street, SE	24 hours	New Jersey Avenue and D Street, SE	24 hours
First Street & C Street, SE (C Street)	5:00 AM – 11:00 PM (or 30 minutes after adjournment)	First Street & C Street, SE (C Street)	5:00 AM – 11:00 PM (or 30 minutes after adjournment)
South Capitol & D Street, SE	7:00 AM – 11:00 PM (or 30 minutes after adjournment)	South Capitol & D Street, SE	7:00 AM – 11:00 PM (or 30 minutes after adjournment)
Second Street, SW & Virginia Avenue	7:00 AM – 9:00 PM	Second Street, SW & Virginia Avenue	7:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Thru Traffic on D Street, SW from Third Street to	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Thru Traffic on D Street, SW from Third Street to	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

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**Garages**

IN SESSION		OUT OF SESSION	
Rayburn HOB C Street Garage	24 hours	Rayburn HOB C Street Garage	24 hours
Rayburn HOB Lobby 1 (from garage)	24 hours	Rayburn HOB Lobby 1 (from garage)	24 hours
Rayburn HOB Lobby 4 (from garage)	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM (or 30 minutes after adjournment)	Rayburn HOB Lobby 4 (from garage)	CLOSED
Rayburn HOB Lobby 8 (from garage)	24 hours	Rayburn HOB Lobby 8 (from garage)	24 hours
Cannon HOB Garage	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM (or 30 minutes after adjournment)	Cannon HOB Garage	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Cannon Northwest Garage Screening	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM (or 30 minutes after adjournment)	Cannon Northwest Garage Screening	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Upper D Street/East House Underground Garage	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM (or 30 minutes after adjournment)	Upper D Street/East House Underground Garage	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Longworth/East HUG Screening	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM (or 30 minutes after adjournment)	Longworth/East HUG Screening	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

**Pedestrian Access**

IN SESSION	OUT OF SESSION
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Cannon HOB C Street Door (ADA)	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM (or 30 minutes after adjournment)	Cannon HOB C Street Door (ADA)	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Cannon Northwest Door	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM	Cannon Northwest Door	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Longworth HOB South Capitol Street Door (ADA)	24 hours	Longworth HOB South Capitol Street Door (ADA)	24 hours
Longworth HOB Main Door (ADA)	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM (or 30 minutes after adjournment)	Longworth HOB Main Door (ADA)	CLOSED
Longworth HOB New Jersey & C Street Door	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM (or 30 minutes after adjournment)	Longworth HOB New Jersey & C Street Door	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Rayburn HOB Horseshoe Door (ADA)	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM (or 30 minutes after adjournment)	Rayburn HOB Horseshoe Door (ADA)	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Ford HOB Second Street Door (ADA)	24 hours	Ford HOB Second Street Door (ADA)	24 hours
O'Neill HOB C Street Door (ADA)	24 hours	O'Neill HOB C Street Door (ADA)	24 hours
O'Neill HOB D Street Door (ADA, HRCCC Only)	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM	O'Neill HOB D Street Door (ADA, HRCCC Only)	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

We appreciate your assistance as we maintain these restricted access measures for your safety and security.

**PERSONAL SECURITY**

The Committee on House Administration (CHA) has previously provided written guidance in the Members' Congressional Handbook (Handbook) that payment for security personnel is a reimbursable expense when such personnel is hired to:

1. Provide security at official, Member-hosted district events (e.g., town halls);
2. Accompany Members during the performance of their official duties; or
3. Be stationed inside or outside the district office during business hours.

Members may contract with firms or individuals to provide personal security as referenced above. Members are urged to contact either SAA Police Services at (202) 225-1000, or for issues related to the Member's district, the District Security Service Center at (202) 225-3380, before making an expenditure for personal security personnel.

Members are also encouraged to contact the Office of Administrative Counsel at (202) 225-6969 for contract assistance. For additional information on the scope of Member reimbursable expenses, please contact CHA.

### **SECURITY AWARENESS BRIEFINGS**

In conjunction with the USCP, the SAA offers security awareness briefings for both the district and Washington, D.C. offices to provide a comprehensive overview of the ways the USCP and SAA may assist in security enhancement.

During these sessions, security best practices will be shared as well as checklists for public appearances, district office and residential security, and other security measures. These briefings will afford you and your staff an opportunity to engage in questions and answers with experts. To schedule a briefing, visit the [SAA Security Assistance Request](#) page on HouseNet.

### **RESIDENCE SECURITY**

The [June 13, 2017 Federal Election Commission's Advisory Opinion](#) concluded that Members may use campaign contributions to install or upgrade certain residential security systems that do not constitute structural improvements to the Member's home. Please contact the Federal Elections Commission at (202) 694-1006 for additional guidance on the use of campaign funds.

The SAA District Security Service Center is available if you need guidance on residential security upgrades.

If you have further questions or have any concerns, please feel free to contact the Office of the Sergeant at Arms at (202) 225-2456.

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