

# STATEHOUSE SECURITY FAQs

**Q. Can I bring my backpack into the Statehouse?**

A. No. Backpacks are prohibited.

**Q. What bags are acceptable? Are they subject to search?**

A. Yes. Purses and briefcases are acceptable and are subject to search.

**Q. Where should I enter the Statehouse?**

A. Public entry to the building will be limited to Third Street, State Street and the underground parking garage (i.e. glass sliding doors) entrances. The High Street entrance will be closed.

**Q. Are there handicapped accessible entrances?**

A. Yes. All entrances are handicapped accessible and officers will use hand held screening devices.

**Q. If I bring a prohibited item, can I leave it with security and gain entrance?**

A. No. You will have to secure the item offsite or in your vehicle to gain entrance.

**Q. I am a state employee, but I am not an employee of the Statehouse. May I be granted access?**

A. Only if you go through screening.

**Q. If I am a state employee and forgot my access badge. Do I have to go through the metal detector?**

A. Yes. Anyone without a Statehouse ID on their person must go through the metal detector.

**Q. Do I have to empty my pockets prior to going through the metal detector?**

A. Yes. All personal belongings must be removed from pockets (i.e. car keys, pocket change, etc.) prior to going through the metal detector.

**Q. Do large groups and children have to go through the metal detector?**

A. Yes. All visitors are required to go through the metal detector.

**Q. How long will it take me to go through the metal detector?**

A. It should only take seconds to go through the metal detector.

**Q. What are the hours of operation?**

A. Hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

***Remember, security starts with you.***

Please wear your identification badge at all times and be prepared to show it to security.

