

Metal Detectors in State Capitols

| State | Installed at Public Entrances | Required to Pass Through Metal Detectors |
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| Alabama | Yes | All visitors (during session only) |
| Alaska | No | n/a |
| Arizona | No | n/a |
| Arkansas | Yes | Members of the public who are unknown to security |
| California | Yes | Everyone except legislators |
| Colorado | Yes | All visitors |
| Connecticut | No | n/a |
| Delaware | Yes | Everyone except legislators |
| Florida | Yes | Media, lobbyists, general public, school groups, orchestras |
| Georgia | Yes | All visitors |
| Hawaii | No | n/a |
| Idaho | No | n/a |
| Illinois | Yes | All visitors except those with a state-issued access card or ID |
| Indiana | Yes | All visitors |
| Iowa | Yes | All visitors and any state employees without cardkey access. |
| Kansas | Yes | All visitors |
| Kentucky | Yes | All visitors except those with a state-issued ID. |
| Louisiana | Yes | All visitors |
| Maine | Yes | All visitors except those with a state-issued access card |
| Maryland | Yes | All visitors except those with a state-issued ID. |
| Massachusetts | Yes | All visitors |
| Michigan | No | n/a |
| Minnesota | No | n/a |
| Mississippi | Yes | All visitors |
| Missouri | No | n/a |
| Montana | No | n/a |
| Nebraska | No | n/a |
| Nevada | No | n/a |
| New Hampshire | No | n/a |
| New Jersey | Yes | All visitors |
| New Mexico | No | n/a |
| New York | Yes | All visitors |
| North Carolina | No | n/a |
| North Dakota | No | n/a |
| Ohio | No | n/a |
| Oklahoma | Yes | Everyone except Governor, Lt. Gov., First lady & their security details |
| Oregon | No | n/a |
| Pennsylvania | Yes | All visitors |
| Rhode Island | Yes | All visitors |
| South Carolina | Yes | All visitors including school groups, bands, etc. |
| South Dakota | No | n/a |
| Tennessee | Yes | All visitors except those with a state-issued ID. |
| Texas | Yes | All visitors except those with a state-issued ID or a concealed carry permit. |
| Utah | No | n/a |
| Vermont | No | n/a |
| Virginia | Yes | All visitors including custodial staff, media, lobbyist, general public, school groups, orchestra/bands. |
| Washington | No | n/a |
| West Virginia | Yes | All visitors |
| Wisconsin | No | n/a |
| Wyoming | No | n/a |

Source: NCSL Survey 2008 and partial updates in 2011 and 2012.