Prohibited and Controlled Articles at Pantex

Visitor information: what to leave at home, what must stay in your vehicle, and where devices are restricted

Before your visit: All visitors are hosted while on site. Your host will explain local restrictions, but you are responsible for arriving without prohibited items and following all signs and instructions.

Do not bring onto Pantex property

Prohibited articles are not allowed anywhere on site and may not be stored in a vehicle while the vehicle is on Pantex property.

- Firearms, ammunition, air-powered weapons, or other dangerous weapons
- Explosives, fireworks, incendiary devices, or privately owned explosive chemicals
- Knives with blades 2.5 inches or longer
- Illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol
- Unapproved animals or pets
- Any item prohibited by local, state, or federal law

Controlled articles

Controlled articles may be allowed on DOE-controlled property, but their possession or use is restricted in certain locations. Electronic devices are generally prohibited in secure or sensitive areas unless they have been approved in advance. Visitors should not assume that a device allowed in a parking lot or general-access area may be carried farther into the site.

Leave these items in your personal vehicle

- Pepper spray, mace, and other chemical irritants
- Personally owned thumb drives, external hard drives, and other removable storage
- Electronic cigarettes and vaping devices
- Sports equipment such as baseball bats and golf clubs
- Lighters and other flame-producing devices, unless otherwise directed under site safety requirements
- Portable Wi-Fi hotspots and similar personally owned wireless equipment

Phones, smart devices, and wireless features

- Follow your host's instructions before carrying or using a phone, smartwatch, tablet, laptop, camera, or other electronic device beyond Access Control and uncleared parking lots.
- Disable smartphone hotspot functions before entering any Pantex facility.
- Bluetooth on personally owned devices may be used only outdoors in designated general-access or property-protection parking areas and on access roads to or from those parking areas.
- Do not connect a personal, vendor, or other non-U.S. Government device to Pantex systems or equipment unless it has been evaluated and approved through the Technical Review Request process.

Photography, video, and audio recording

- Do not take photographs, video, or audio recordings unless your host confirms that the activity is authorized.
- Do not photograph badges or people wearing badges.

Key fobs: Non-Bluetooth vehicle key fobs are generally allowed. Your host will tell you if additional restrictions apply.

Other items

- Gas cans must be approved metal safety containers, limited to one container of 5 gallons or less per personal vehicle, and must remain with the vehicle.
- Compressed-gas cylinders must be used in accordance with applicable site safety requirements.

Medically necessary devices and service animals

Medically necessary personal electronic devices (MEDPEDs), their accessories, and service animals may require advance review before entering certain areas. Do not leave a medically necessary device behind unless directed by your healthcare provider. Instead, tell your Pantex host about the item before your visit so the appropriate review can be completed.

- Examples include insulin pumps, continuous glucose monitors, hearing devices, wearable heart monitors, medication-delivery devices, and associated wired or wireless accessories.
- Visitor hosts must begin the MEDSAFe review before the scheduled visit. Each necessary peripheral or accessory may require separate review.
- Bring only the medically necessary devices and accessories that have been discussed with your host, and follow the restrictions provided for the approved areas.
- Service animals also require advanced coordination before entering the Pantex Plant

Questions before your visit?

Contact your Pantex host or the Prohibited and Controlled Articles Hotline at 806-477-4444 or prohibitedandcontrolledarticles@pantex.doe.gov.