



2022 CAPITOL HILL ACCESSIBILITY GUIDE FOR VISITORS WITH DISABILITIES

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State ADA Coordinator's Office
and the Georgia Building Authority





WELCOME



This guide provides information on the accessible features and accommodation protocols on Capitol Hill. We hope the information provided in this guide will help ensure that your visit to our State Capitol is smooth and successful.

For questions regarding the content of this guide, for additional copies of the guide, or for this guide in an alternative format, please contact the State ADA Coordinator's Office at 404-657-7313 (phone), 404-657-9993 (TTY) or via email at gaada@gsfic.ga.gov.



The Georgia Building Authority (GBA) is responsible for all services associated with the management of buildings and various facilities located on Capitol Hill in Atlanta. GBA is committed to supporting the Capitol Hill complex by providing the highest quality comprehensive facilities management services for state agencies, state employees, and the citizens of Georgia. Visit our website at www.gba.georgia.gov for the most up-to-date information.



The mission of the State ADA Coordinator's Office is to provide comprehensive educational and technical support for State agencies to ensure those programs, services, and activities operated by the State of Georgia are accessible and usable by everyone. While we strive to make our buildings accessible for individuals with disabilities, the nature of historic buildings imposes certain restrictions. If you have additional questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact us at 404-657-7313 (phone), 404-657-9993 (TTY) or via email at Group.GeorgiaADA@gsfic.ga.gov. Visit our website at www.ada.georgia.gov. We want to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable experience.

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SAFETY & SECURITY



Department of Public Safety

The Department of Public Safety (DPS), which includes the Capitol Police Division and the Georgia State Patrol, provides security to all GBA facilities on Capitol Hill. DPS has established a patrol post and police department (Post 50) on Capitol Hill located at 180 Central Avenue.

To report a crime, suspicious activity, emergencies, or if you need assistance, please call 404-624-7281.

DPS has primary responsibility during an emergency or crisis and may order the evacuation of a building when there is evidence that there is a grave risk to life or property within a particular building.

State Fire Marshal

Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner

All buildings owned, operated, or occupied by the State are subject to fire safety inspections by the State Fire Marshal's Office. State inspectors are given the authority to determine whether the life safety of the occupants and the general public is in danger from fire, explosion, or related hazards, and to enforce requirements set forth by law (OCGA 25-2-22). The Fire Marshal's Office is charged with determining if the level of safety of each building is acceptable through a combination of prevention, protection, egress, and accessibility, which are established as a state minimum fire safety standard by the Safety Fire Commissioner.

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Entrances

The south entrance located on Capitol Square is accessible. The building is open from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, except for State holidays.

Inside the Capitol

The House and Senate galleries located on the 4th floor each have accessible seating areas. There are committee meeting and conference rooms available throughout the building. For specific information on accessibility for the Senate gallery and committee rooms, contact the Secretary of the Senate's office at 404-656-5040; for the House gallery and committee rooms, contact the Clerk's Office at 404-656-5015.

Courtesy Wheelchair and Scooter Availability

Courtesy wheelchairs and scooters are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the south entrance located on Capitol Square. Photo ID is required. Wheelchairs and scooters must remain on Capitol property at all times.

Restrooms

There is an accessible single user restroom on the first floor near the east entrance. A designated women's restroom is located on the second floor, in room 233. This restroom has a power assisted door for entry and exit. A wheelchair accessible men's restroom is located on the fourth floor, adjacent to the House gallery, in room 425.

ADA Accommodation Requests

Sign language interpreting services are available for:

- meetings with legislators,
- legislative committee hearings,
- House and Senate floor sessions, and
- guided Capitol tours (see Helpful Resources, p. 10).

To request a sign language interpreter (or other ADA accommodation services) for one of the above activities, please call the Human Resources (HR) Office with the General Assembly at 404-657-7680 or send an email to hr@legis.ga.gov. Please make your requests at least 48 hours before the service is needed.

Assistive Listening Systems

Assistive listening devices are available for use in the galleries. The systems, for the exclusive use of people who have hearing loss, are available for the duration of a particular session or meeting and must be returned immediately following the session or meeting. Receivers may be signed out from room 323. Call 404-656-0445 for further information.

Visitors with Visual Disabilities

Permanent room spaces, including House and Senate galleries, offices, hearing rooms and restrooms are designated using braille numerals with white-on-red signage. House personnel are available to assist individuals who need or desire further guidance. In addition, all elevators are equipped with audio floor notification and braille controls.



PAUL D. COVERDELL LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING



Entrance

The public entrance to the Paul D. Coverdell Legislative Office Building is accessible via a ramp located in the front of the building, off of Capitol Square, adjacent to the main entrance. The building is open from 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, except for state holidays.

Restrooms

There are two sets of men's and women's restrooms with 38" wide toilet stalls and 32" clear opening out-swinging doors on each floor. There is an accessible single user restroom located on the sixth floor. If utilizing Cafe 244, there is an accessible restroom located between the men's and women's restrooms.

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Visitors with Visual Disabilities

Permanent room spaces, including House and Senate member offices, hearing rooms, and restrooms are designated using braille numerals with white-on-red signage. Personnel are available to assist individuals who need or desire further guidance. In addition, all elevators are equipped with audio floor notification and braille controls.





Entrances

All public entrances to the Sloppy Floyd Building are accessible.

Entrance when using MARTA

The James H. “Sloppy” Floyd Building is located above the Georgia State Marta train station. The Georgia State Marta train station is located on the blue/green line. When at the Georgia State Marta station take the stairs, escalator, or elevator up to the State Building. You will enter into the West Tower. Once in the building take the escalator, immediately on your left or elevator on your right, down one level to the Plaza Level security guard post. The security guard post will require a valid photo I.D. to access the East or West Tower upper floors above the balcony.

Entrance when Parking

Once parked in the Pete Hackney parking deck, take the elevator or stairs to the 5th level of the parking deck which has the entrance to the pedestrian bridge. The pedestrian bridge will take you into the Butler parking deck. Once in the Butler parking deck, take the elevator or stairs to the 3rd level (Bridge). Take the bridge into the Floyd building. You will enter the Floyd building via the East Tower. Walk across to the West Tower. The security guard post will require a valid photo I.D. to access the upper floors above the balcony. The Pete Hackney parking deck is located at 162 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE, Atlanta, GA 30303.



Restrooms

There are men’s and women’s restrooms designated as wheelchair accessible located on the plaza level as well as an accessible single user restroom on the cafeteria level across the hall from the East Tower stairs. Additionally, there are men’s and women’s restrooms designated as accessible in the East Tower on floors 3, 12, 16, and 20, and in the West Tower on floors 4, 8, 12, 16, and 20.

Capitol Commons Café

The Café is located on the bottom level of the building. There are elevators in both the East and West Towers that provide access to the cafeteria level.



TRANSPORTATION



MARTA

The Georgia State Capitol building is less than one block away from the Georgia State MARTA Station on the blue/green rail line. If you are coming from the red or gold rail line, exit at the Five Points Station and follow the signs to the East-bound platform. Get on the eastbound train and ride one stop to the Georgia State Station. Take the Piedmont Avenue exit out of the station and turn left on Piedmont Avenue. The Capitol is located less than one block south of the MARTA station.



MARTA has three (3) bus routes that serve Capitol Hill. For more information and route planning, contact MARTA at 404-848-5000 or visit www.martaguide.com/2010/04/18/marta-to-the-georgia-capitol.

Public Parking for State Capitol Visitors

Parking for visitors to Capitol Hill is available for a daily fee at the following parking facilities:

- Steve Polk Parking Lot on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. 65 MLK, Jr. Drive SW, Atlanta, GA 30334
- Pete Hackney at the corner of Decatur Street and Jesse Hill Jr. Drive. 162 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE, Atlanta, GA 30303
- Capitol Lot Daily public parking is across from the State Capitol and next to Liberty Plaza going south. 218 Capitol Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30334



These parking facilities all have designated accessible parking. For more information, contact the Georgia Building Authority (GBA) Parking Services at 404-656-3251.

Additional parking is available in privately operated facilities dispersed in the area.

Descriptive/directional signs on the Capitol grounds indicate accessible routes. Voice signals for directional orientation are located at the crosswalks on Capitol Hill.



HELPFUL RESOURCES

ADA Accommodation Requests

HR Office with the General Assembly, 404-657-7680

Email: hr@legis.ga.gov

Dining on Capitol Hill

404-656-2595

www.gba.georgia.gov/cafeterias

Emergency Services

Capitol Police, Communications Room, 404-624-7281

Guided Capitol Tours

All tours/programs have been cancelled until further notice.

For questions, contact gacapitol tours@uga.edu.

The building remains open for regular business.

House Gallery and Committee Rooms

Office of the Speaker, 404-656-5020

Public Parking on Capitol Hill

Capitol Lot Daily, operated by Elite Parking, is across from the State Capitol and next to Liberty Plaza going south.

Public Transportation to Capitol Hill

MARTA, 404-848-5000

www.martaguide.com/2010/04/18/marta-to-the-georgia-capitol

Senate Gallery and Committee Rooms

Secretary of the Senate, 404-656-5040

Sign Language Interpreters

The Capitol and the Coverdell Legislative Office Building

Georgia Office of Legislative Counsel, 404-656-5000

Email: legcounsel@legis.ga.gov

State of Georgia General Information Center

Toll Free: 1.800.georgia (1-800-436-7442)


Metro Atlanta: 678.georgia (678-436-7442)

Website/Chat Address: www.georgia.gov/georgias-call-center-1800georgia



BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY



- P** Public Parking
- S** Snack Bar/Vending
- C** Cafeteria
- M** MARTA
- E** Accessible Public Entrance
- EV** Electric Vehicle Charging Station
-  Accessible Loading and Unloading Zone for State Capitol

Located between the Legislative Office Building and 2 Capitol Square





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