

How Do I Get to Salem?

Oregon State Penitentiary is located at 2605 State Street in Salem, Oregon.

From Portland:

Take I-5 South toward Salem. Take Market Street Exit #256. Turn right onto Market Street NE. Take 1st left onto Hawthorne Ave NE. Turn right onto State Street. OSP is on the right.

From Springfield/Eugene:

Take I-5 North toward Portland. Take State Route 22 Exit #253. Turn left on State Route 22. Turn right onto Hawthorne Ave SE. Take the 3rd left onto State Street. OSP is on the right.

Salem Area Hotels

Best Western Mill Creek Inn
3125 Ryan Drive SE
(503) 585-3332

Super 8
1288 Hawthorne NE
(503) 370-8888

Comfort Suites
630 Hawthorne Ave
(503) 585-9705

Laquinta Inn and Suites
890 Hawthorne Ave NE
(503) 391-7000

Questions or Concerns?

Oregon Department of Corrections
Religious Services

Gary Sims, Administrator
(503) 945-9231

OSP Religious Services
(503) 378-2333

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Witnessing Executions In Oregon

A Guide for Inmate
Families

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Who Can Witness An Execution?

Prior to the scheduled execution date, the Superintendent invites certain people to attend and witness the execution that may include inmate family members. Persons designated by the inmate may witness the execution subject to the approval of the Superintendent and criminal history background clearance. In addition, one religious witness may be requested by the inmate. Refer to (OAR 291-024-0020(3)).

What Should I Bring?

Witnesses must bring a current/valid photo ID card, such as a driver's license and the original letter of invitation to witness the execution.

Witnesses are encouraged to leave personal items in their car. Please note that Corrections Officers are authorized to physically search anyone who comes to the prison and search his or her belongings.

NOT PERMITTED:

- ∞Cameras or recording devices
- ∞Drugs, alcohol or tobacco
- ∞Weapons
- ∞Cell phones or pagers

What Should I Wear?

Witnesses should dress comfortably and conservatively. Shorts, tank tops and see-through fabrics are not appropriate and may result in admission to the

prison being denied. No blue denim or any other blue clothing is allowed. Metal buttons, jewelry, underwire bras, and some shoes activate the metal detector. Please avoid wearing these items.

What Time Should I Arrive?

Inmate witnesses and other family members should arrive at the designated meeting place off prison grounds, as coordinated with Religious Services, two hours prior to the scheduled execution. Only those inmate witnesses who receive an official invitation will depart for pre-designated pick-up site. Inmate witnesses will then be escorted to a designated staging area on prison grounds and will be required to show picture identification and the original letter of invitation. Within two hours of the execution, inmate witnesses will be escorted to the institution. Upon arrival, they will be checked into the institution and escorted to the inmate witness waiting area.

Just prior to the execution, inmate witnesses will be accompanied to the witness room by OSP staff to witness the execution. Other family members and support persons will remain at the off-prison grounds site until the witnesses return. Following the execution, staff will escort inmate witnesses back to designated staging area. If witnesses wish to make a statement to the media, they will be

escorted to the media center at this time.

Do I Have to Talk to the Media?

Inmate witnesses are under no obligation to speak with the media. While there are media representatives in the execution viewing area, they are not permitted to speak with the witnesses. The opportunity to make a statement to the media will be provided in the Media Center. In this case, it may be beneficial to prepare a written statement in advance.

Who Will Be There for Support?

Chaplain staff will be available throughout the execution process. Additional support person(s) may remain at the off-prison grounds waiting area until inmate witnesses return from the execution.

Can I Change My Mind?

Not every family member of the inmate wants to witness the execution. It is important to know that it is your choice.

Inmate witnesses may decide not to witness the execution right up until the last minute. If witnesses do change their mind prior to arrival at the prison, they are asked to contact Religious Services as soon as possible.