

Security Considerations for Meetings on Capitol Hill

Since 9/11, security measures on Capitol Hill have been tightened. It is important that all Policy & Issues Forum attendees with meetings on the Hill review the following security procedures for getting into and moving between House Office Buildings, Senate Office Buildings, and the Capitol.

- **GIVE YOURSELF ENOUGH TIME BETWEEN MEETINGS TO GET THROUGH SECURITY.** Security procedures are strict and you may have to wait in line as people enter the buildings.
- Subways between the Rayburn House Office Building, Senate Office Buildings, and the Capitol are closed to the general public.
- If you have visits in the Capitol with your Member of Congress, use the following entrances:
 - For the Senate, use the North Door of the Capitol (facing Constitution Avenue)
 - For the House, use the South Door of the Capitol (facing Independence Avenue)
- House and Senate Buildings close at 7:00PM or 30 minutes after the close of session, whichever is later.
- Prohibited Items (Do not bring the following into Office Buildings or the Capitol!)
 - ⊗ SUITCASES OR OVERSIZED BAGS
 - ⊗ Cans or bottles
 - ⊗ Aerosol and non-aerosol sprays
 - ⊗ Knives of any length
 - ⊗ Razors or box cutters
 - ⊗ Pepper spray

If you have special needs for these items, please call the Capitol Police in advance at 202-224-0908. Authorization is required to bring these items into the buildings.