



Washington State Senate Gallery Rules

The public is encouraged to visit the Senate Gallery and watch their lawmakers in action. According to the legislative rules adopted by the Senate, this observation must be quiet and respectful. Legislators work under a set of rules that allow respectful, courteous debate on sometimes contentious issues. A similar protocol extends to the Senate Committee Hearing Rooms.

The Lieutenant Governor is charged with maintaining order and decorum, and his application of Senate Rules prohibits, among other things:

- Signs, banners, placards, or other props that could be construed as an effort to promote demonstrations;
- All weapons, including guns/firearms, bladed instruments or any other dangerous item;
- Audible or visual signals from the gallery to the chamber floor, including whistling, calling, chanting, or waving;
- Animals, other than service animals;
- Applause and/or demonstrations;
- Umbrellas, strollers, camera tripods, sticks, or similar items that could block movement or take up seating space in the gallery;
- Food and beverages;
- Large overcoats/jackets, cases, bags, backpacks and packages (Small purses or cases may be allowed into the gallery at the discretion of Senate Security after their contents are inspected for prohibited items);
- Unattended Children.

Additionally, please:

- Turn off your cellular telephones and other personal electronic devices;
- Remove your hat before entering the gallery;
- Children are not permitted in the front row.

Monitored and Enforced by Senate Security
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