

WEAPON-FREE ZONE

For everyone's safety, metal detectors are in use.

In an effort to ensure the safety of our staff, patients and all who visit, The Johns Hopkins Hospital and Johns Hopkins Children's Center have installed metal detectors at our emergency room (ER) entrances. These metal detectors were selected with support from our Patient and Family Advisory Councils and are one of the many safety protocols we have in place throughout our facilities.

What You Need to Know

1. Why is Johns Hopkins installing these metal detectors?

Metal detectors are a common practice in health care and other settings. They detect items that may compromise the safety of those in the hospital. These detectors are just one of several safety measures The Johns Hopkins Hospital and Johns Hopkins Children's Center have taken to ensure a positive experience for our patients, their loved ones and our staff members.

2. Who is required to go through the metal detectors?

Any individual going through the ER entrance is required to walk through the metal detectors. They will be active 24/7. Anyone previously screened who leaves the ER must be re-screened before returning to the ER.

3. I have an implanted medical device in my body/ medical equipment that I need to carry with me at all times. Can I pass through these detectors?

It is safe for all individuals to pass through the detectors, including those with pacemakers, implants of any kind and women who are pregnant.

4. I use a wheelchair. Will I still be required to go through the metal detectors?

Patients and visitors who may have difficulty moving through the metal detector, such as those in wheelchairs, on stretchers or in medical restraints, will be screened with a handheld device.

5. What personal items are not allowed inside the hospital?

Per our policies, any personal item that is considered a weapon is not allowed on our campus or inside our hospital. This includes any handgun, long gun, any type or style of knife, sharp tools, razors, ammunition for firearms, or any object that Johns Hopkins Medicine's security and staff members feel presents a threat.

6. What happens if I accidentally bring a prohibited item with me to the hospital? Can I get it back after my visit?

You will be given an opportunity to return items to your vehicle that the hospital prohibits but are legal in Maryland and Baltimore. Such items include pepper spray, stun guns and tools of any kind. If you do not have a vehicle on-site, our security officers will hold the item in the security office in Harvey 109 for pickup after your visit.

Again, our hospital is a weapon-free zone.

Illegal items include any handgun or long gun and ammunition. Illegal items collected will be turned over to Baltimore police.

Questions?

If you have further questions about these metal detectors or our safety policies, please contact the Johns Hopkins Security team at **410-955-5585**.