

Annapolis Logistics

Getting There and Parking

Unfortunately, getting to Annapolis from other parts of the state is most accessible via car. Carpooling with other folks going to Annapolis for the same event or hearing - ask around, or if you have a car, offer a seat to anyone who may need a ride! Depending on how busy the day is, finding parking can be a challenge. There are many parking garages in Annapolis, and [you can see them all on a map here](#).

The closest garages to the chambers' buildings are the Gotts Court Garage at 25 Calvert St, and the John Whitmore Garage at 37 Clay St. The closest garage to the State House is the Noah Hillman Garage at 150 Gorman St. You can reserve a spot online beforehand for many of these garages. We recommend doing this, especially if you have mobility concerns. [Reserve a spot here](#).

Key Locations

The House and Senate Office Buildings are directly across the street from each other at 6 and 11 Bladen St, respectively. Bill hearings take place in each chambers' office buildings. Each committee has their own assigned hearing room. You can find the location of each committee's meeting room by navigating to the 'Committees' tab in the top navigation bar on [the MGA website](#), and then clicking either Senate or House from the dropdown menu. Then click on the committee you are searching for - the meeting room is listed as the first part of the address.

The House and Senate buildings are one block away from the State House, where both chambers' floor sessions take place, at 100 State Circle. In between the chambers' office buildings and the State House is Lawyers Mall, where many rallies, press conferences, and events happen during the session.

IMPORTANT: In order to get into either chambers building, or the State House, you will need to go through security where you will pass through a metal detector, show a photo ID, and allow your bag to be put through an x-ray scan. You will not be let into the building without an ID - so don't forget it!

Visit our Google Map of key locations in Annapolis [here](#).

For more information on navigating the legislative complex and attending various meetings, [click here](#).

Accessibility

While the public buildings are considered accessible, many of the buildings, surrounding sidewalks, and structures are historic and make accessibility difficult. The City of Annapolis and State of Maryland also lack adequate transportation infrastructure to truly make the capital premises accessible.

Buildings and public spaces in the capitol complex, including the lobbies, public meeting rooms, restrooms, and galleries, are accessible to everyone. There are wheelchair accessible entrances and elevators in each respective building.

There is space in the galleries of the Senate and House of Delegates chambers for wheelchair users. The legislature also offers assistive listening devices for the hearing impaired in its galleries, as well as in other public meeting spaces such as committee hearing rooms. Ask a committee staff person to access the listening devices.

Qualified interpreters and other services for individuals who are deaf or hearing impaired are available. Please make requests for interpreters as far in advance as possible. Services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired are also available on request. [To request Sign Language Interpretation for a specific meeting, please click here.](#)

For more information about the legislature's compliance with the ADA or to request an assistive aid, service, or accommodation contact the ADA Coordinator at 410-946-5400, 301-970-5400, or 1-800-492-7122 (Toll Free) or email libr@mlis.state.md.us.

[For information on accessibility features of the Maryland General Assembly website, click here to see the Accessibility Guide.](#)

Food

If you are coming to Annapolis for a hearing, or multiple events, we recommend that you bring some snacks to tide you over! You are allowed to bring food and beverages into the legislative buildings.

If you need to grab something quickly, there are vending machines in the Senate and House Office buildings, and cafeterias in each building's basement (closed after 2pm). Make sure you have ample time to go and get food before the hearing for your bill starts. Let other people in the coalition know that you are stepping away, and ask them to text you if your bill is up and you need to head back.

If you have time to run out and grab food, we recommend Potato Valley at 47 State Circle. They have gluten free and vegan friendly options, and are generally quick to get your food out. [View their full menu here.](#)