



WHAT ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN INTO THE FORENSIC HOSPITAL?

Items that may be taken into the hospital, subject to pre-entry security scanning and x-ray include:

- clothing and shoes
- magazines and books ('G' rated only)
- cheque or money orders for patients. For more information please contact the applicable Ward Clerk

WHAT ITEMS MUST NOT BE TAKEN INTO THE FORENSIC HOSPITAL?

Items not to be taken into the hospital include:

- alcohol, drugs or medications of any kind
- cigarettes, tobacco of any kind, lighters or matches
- food, drinks and chewing gum
- mobile phones
- cameras or video recorders
- DVD's, CD's or USB drives (memory sticks)
- electrical appliances
- animals of any kind
- sharps such as scissors, needles, razors, cutlery
- any items containing glass
- weapons of any kind
- aerosol cans
- plastic bags
- helmets
- sexually explicit or pornographic material
- material displaying or promoting violence
- lanyards, long necklaces or pendants
- scarves, ties or neckwear
- umbrellas
- cash for patients. For more information, please contact the applicable Ward Clerk
- tools and/or other equipment
- aluminium or steel cans and/or containers
- any items that have the potential to be dangerous
- any items prohibited under common law

CONTACT DETAILS

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HOW TO GET TO THE FORENSIC HOSPITAL



Buses stop outside the entrance to The Forensic Hospital. Please refer to the transport info line on 131500 or www.131500.info where you can plan your journey via the online NSW Public Transport trip planner.



Travel southbound along Anzac Parade and turn left into The Forensic Hospital carpark. This is approximately 3km south of Maroubra. There is limited parking available directly outside The Forensic Hospital.

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Please note that The Forensic Hospital and surrounds is a **NON SMOKING** environment

Welcome to The Forensic Hospital.

The Forensic Hospital is operated by Justice Health on behalf of NSW Health, as an integral part of the Statewide Forensic Mental Health Network.

ABOUT THE FORENSIC HOSPITAL

The Forensic Hospital is a 135 bed high secure environment for male and female adults and adolescents.

Patients accommodated within the facility include:

- Those who have been found not guilty by reason of mental illness.
- Those found unfit to plead.
- Those transferred from the Department of Corrective Services and the Department of Juvenile Justice for involuntary mental health treatment.
- Patients with complex and challenging mental health needs referred by other area mental health services.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Forensic Hospital is to provide the highest standard of care for mentally ill people, while ensuring the safety of patients, staff and the community.

The Forensic Hospital aims to:

- Improve the mental health of forensic patients.
- Reduce the burden of mental illness on forensic patients.
- Reduce relapses into offending behaviour, when the relapse is related to mental health problems or disorders.
- Identify and respond to the needs of specific populations, such as women, adolescents and indigenous Australians.
- Involve families and carers in clinical planning and decision making.

PATIENT VISITS

The Forensic Hospital has dedicated rooms for patient visits. These rooms are located within the hospital's secure environment and allow direct visit supervision by clinical staff. To visit a patient in The Forensic Hospital you must apply and gain formal approval from Justice Health.

STEP 1: APPLYING TO VISIT A PATIENT

- a) Call The Forensic Hospital ☎ (02) 9700 3700, Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00am - 3:00pm. Ask for the Ward Clerk of the patient's ward. Advise the Ward Clerk that you would like to apply to visit a specific patient.
- b) You will be asked to identify yourself by providing personal information and contact details. You will be required to disclose any connection to patients and/or staff in The Forensic Hospital. Then, subject to availability you may tentatively book your first visit.

Justice Health requires a minimum of 3 working days notice for your first booking, then 24 hours notice for all your future bookings. Visits may be requested in blocks of one (1) hour, Monday to Sunday. The number of visits in any given week will depend on clinical and security considerations.

Patients may have a maximum of four (4) visitors at any one time. If you are making a booking on behalf of a family group, the names of all members (including children) must be declared to the Ward Clerk.

Patient visitors must adhere to security procedures upon entry to and exit from The Forensic Hospital. At all times, patient visitors must follow all directions given by Justice Health and security staff.

STEP 2: THE APPROVAL PROCESS

Once a request to visit a patient is received, security and administrative checks will take place before approval can be given. Approval for each visit is not automatic and visits may be cancelled at anytime due to clinical and/or security considerations.

STEP 3: CONFIRMATION OF APPROVAL

Prior to finalising any travel arrangements to The Forensic Hospital, please call the Ward Clerk to confirm that the visit has been approved.

STEP 4: YOUR FIRST VISIT

Please arrive at the Secure Foyer of The Forensic Hospital at least 30 minutes before your approved visit time.

To gain final approval for the patient visit, each visitor will be required to present acceptable proof of identity (POI) and complete the visitor biometric registration process.

a) Provide acceptable proof of identity (POI) for each visitor

- (i) Acceptable POI can be an RTA-issued current NSW Photo Driver License or NSW Photo Card

OR

- (ii) One document from List A, PLUS one document from List B of the Justice Health Acceptable Proof of Identity Documents

If you or any individuals within your group DO NOT have (i) please inform the Ward Clerk when making your enquiry and they will work through List A and List B with you to determine which POI documents are applicable.

NB. ALL ACCEPTABLE POI DOCUMENTS MUST BE ORIGINALS

b) Register your biometric data (eye scan and finger prints)

c) Your photo will be taken for future identification purposes

Following registration you will be asked to store any items not to be taken into The Forensic Hospital in coin operated lockers. Please refer to the next page for a list of all applicable items.

You will then be asked to proceed through the security scanning and x-ray area and will be met by a staff member. Whilst accompanying you to the visits room, the staff member will explain acceptable visitor behaviour and security requirements.

THE DURESS BUTTON

For the safety and well-being of patients, visitors and staff, each visits room is equipped with a duress button. If someone becomes unwell, behaves inappropriately, or there is an emergency, press the duress button for immediate staff assistance.