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## Important information for visits to the German Bundestag

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Your invitation to visit the German Bundestag is based on the Bundestag's calendar of sittings, which is planned well in advance. It may therefore be necessary for us to reschedule or cancel your visit at short notice. If it is necessary to make changes to the programme on the day of your visit, you will be informed about this by the staff of the Visitors' Service at the west portal of the Reichstag Building or the west visitors' entrance of the Paul Löbe Building. They will also be happy to answer any other questions you may have.

Visitors' programmes are always held for several groups together. It is therefore absolutely essential that you arrive punctually out of consideration for other visitors, as places reserved on the gallery or in the discussion rooms cannot be kept indefinitely. If you arrive late, you must expect to wait for a considerable time and in certain circumstances your programme may be changed.

As X-ray equipment is used for the security checks, we request that you **avoid bringing metal items** into the Bundestag's buildings wherever possible. All participants must **bring a valid identity card or equivalent form of photo identification**.

Leaders of visiting groups have an obligation to inform their groups about these regulations and to ensure compliance with them as necessary. Upon request, they must be able to present a valid identity card or passport as well as their letter of confirmation, and be able to identify the individual members of their group during the security checks on entry.

**Coats, umbrellas, bags, tape recorders, binoculars and similar devices must be handed in at the cloakroom before you go onto the visitors' gallery for a lecture or to watch a plenary sitting. No facilities are available for the storage of suitcases or other luggage. Mobile phones must be switched off.**

**Under Rules 4 and 5 of the Internal Regulations of the German Bundestag, peace and order must be maintained in the Bundestag's buildings. Visitors must show consideration for the work of the Bundestag. Applause and expressions of disapproval are forbidden on the galleries.**

**The sale of goods (with the exception of goods sold by the tenant businesses) and collections are not permitted. With the exception of guide dogs, animals may not be taken into the buildings of the German Bundestag.**

**If tour guides give their permission, photographs may be taken during guided tours provided by the Visitors' Service in the Reichstag Building and other premises of the German Bundestag and during lectures on the visitors' gallery; photographs may be taken only for personal and not commercial use. Visitors attending plenary sittings must hand in film and photographic equipment beforehand.**

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