

Columbia Generating Station Tour Guidelines:

Thank you for your interest in Columbia Generating Station! We look forward to your visit and to sharing information about our facility – we are confident you will learn a great deal about Energy Northwest and Columbia Generating Station and how we generate electricity for the Northwest. Because this is an operating electrical generation facility, there are a number of safety rules and guidelines in place to ensure maximum benefit from your visit.

All visitors must read and adhere to the following:

Access: Each person **MUST** have some form of **PICTURE** identification with them. For U.S. citizens, a valid driver's license, state-issued ID or passport are acceptable forms of ID. *Student IDs will not be honored.* All foreign nationals must present a valid passport. All visitor vehicles will be searched.

Clothing: It is important that you wear **NATURAL** fiber clothing. Examples of acceptable materials include: 100 percent cotton, wool or denim, such as Dockers® slacks. Shorts are not allowed. Dresses and skirts are also not allowed, unless they are full length. Examples of unacceptable materials include silk, polyester and acrylic. These materials are typically found in the nylon in slips or windbreakers; acetates in coat linings; polyester or cotton/poly blends in slacks and shirts; women's pantyhose; and wool/polyester blends in slacks and suits. Corduroy is also unacceptable. These restrictions **do not** apply to undergarments.

The clothing you wear is important to help minimize the creation of static electricity. Static electricity in synthetics attracts radon, a naturally occurring isotope that is present all around us. This attraction occurs all the time, wherever you may be – however, the radiation monitors at Columbia Generating Station are so sensitive they can detect this radon, and this will delay your exit from the plant. The delay can take anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour while the radon either dissipates naturally or is cleaned off your clothing by a Health Physics technician.

Shoes: Please wear comfortable walking shoes. We will typically spend 1 – 2 hours inside the plant, almost all of which is walking or standing on concrete and other hard surfaces. Leather uppers are preferred for safety reasons. ***High heels, sandals, mesh tennis shoes and shoes with open toes or heels are not allowed.***

Cameras: Due to heightened security at the plant, cameras are not allowed inside the plant. Cellular telephones are also prohibited but may be left in the conference room during the tour.

****IMPORTANT****

Restricted items: Certain items are prohibited inside a 1.2-mile radius of the plant, which includes the parking lots and vehicles in those lots. Prohibited items include **firearms, ammunition, explosive devices, incendiary devices, self-defense sprays (such as mace), alcoholic beverages, street drugs and non-prescription controlled drugs.**

Bringing these prohibited items onto Energy Northwest property is a violation of Benton County Ordinance #225. Violation of the ordinance is a misdemeanor. If you come on Energy Northwest property with any of the above items, the Benton County Sheriff will be called, you may be charged and you will not be able to participate in the tour, so please search your vehicle before traveling to Energy Northwest property. Prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications are allowed. Pets, with the exception of service dogs, are not allowed.

Medical Warning: Anyone with an implantable cardiac device (such as a pacemaker or defibrillator) may be restricted from certain areas of the facility. It is your responsibility to notify us prior to arrival in order for us to evaluate your personal medical condition and make proper arrangements for plant touring.

If you have questions or concerns prior to your visit, please call (509) 377-8369.