



# COMMENCEMENT PUBLIC SAFETY CLEAR BAG POLICY

Stanford University has implemented a clear bag policy for Commencement to provide a safer environment for the public and expedite entry into Stanford Stadium. This policy limits the size and types of bags permitted. Items must be carried or fit into a permissible bag. All bags and items will be subject to search. Anyone possessing prohibited bags or items will be asked to return them to their vehicle, take them to the complimentary bag check station or dispose of them in the garbage cans at the gate. Clear bags will also be available at the Stadium.

## APPROVED BAGS & ITEMS



**ONE CLEAR TOTE BAG**  
Plastic, vinyl or PVC  
No larger than 12" w x 6" d x 12" h

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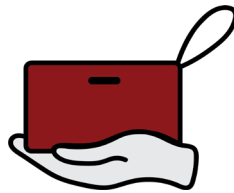
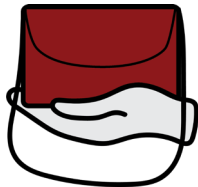


**ONE PLASTIC STORAGE BAG**  
One-gallon, clear

AND

**ONE SMALL CLUTCH BAG**

No larger than 4.5" x 6.5"  
Does not have to be clear



Permitted Items may include but are not limited to:

- CAMERAS - no case
- SMALL VIDEO CAMERA - no case
- BINOCULARS - no case
- PHONE, KEYS AND WALLET
- TABLETS AND LAPTOPS - no case
- HAND-HELD RADIOS
- INFANT FEEDING SUPPLIES
- SEALED PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES  
(20 oz. or under)
- EMPTY REUSABLE PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES  
(20 oz. or under)
- SEAT CUSHIONS AND CHAIR BACKS  
(no pockets or zippers)
- SMALL HAND-HELD SIGNS OR POSTERS  
(no larger than 3'x3')
- DIAPER BAG  
(only allowed for a child 2 years and under)

## PROHIBITED BAGS & ITEMS



BACKPACK



BINOCULARS CASE



CAMERA CASE



DRAWSTRING BAG



FANNY PACK



PURSE



MESH OR STRAW BAG



OVERSIZED TOTE BAG



TINTED PLASTIC BAG



COLORLED OR PATTERNED PLASTIC BAG



LUGGAGE



REUSABLE GROCERY BAG



DUFFEL BAG



UMBRELLAS

- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND ILLEGAL DRUGS
- ANIMALS (except service animals)
- BALLS, FRISBEES, WHOLE FRUIT OR ANY OTHER POTENTIAL PROJECTILES
- BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS OR SCOOTERS
- CANS, GLASS, HYDRATION PACKS, THERMOS OR METAL BOTTLES, OPEN CONTAINERS
- FIREWORKS, LIGHTERS, INCENDIARY DEVICES
- GUNS, KNIVES OR WEAPONS OF ANY TYPE  
(or anything that could be mistaken for a weapon)
- HORNS, NOISEMAKERS OR OTHER AMPLIFIED SOUND EQUIPMENT
- LASER POINTERS
- POLES, STICKS, BANNERS OR FLAGS
- REMOTE CONTROLLED DEVICES OF ANY KIND  
(drones, cars, model planes/helicopters)
- STROLLERS OR PORTABLE CHAIRS  
(unless ADA compliant) - a stroller check area is provided outside of Gate 3 at the Stadium
- TOBACCO/SMOKING PRODUCTS

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# STANFORD COMMENCEMENT CLEAR BAG POLICY FAQs

## **Why is this policy being adopted?**

In an effort to improve safety, Stanford is implementing a clear bag policy for the Commencement ceremony at Stanford Stadium beginning in 2018. This policy limits the size and types of bags that are permitted inside the venue. This policy will enhance safety at the event as a clear bag is easily and quickly searched.

## **Will clear bags be available through Stanford before or on the day of Commencement?**

There are a variety of options. Clear bags will be distributed at the parking lot and outside of the gates at the Stadium. The Stanford Bookstore and Athletics Shop will also sell clear bags before and during Commencement Weekend. Alternatively, we suggest that you use a one-gallon clear Ziploc (or similar) bag.

## **What happens if I show up at the entrance with a bag that is not permitted?**

Guests with a prohibited bag will not be permitted inside the venue. Guests with prohibited bags will need to return their bags to their vehicle, and/or transfer their belongings to an approved clear plastic bag before entering the venue.

Guests with bags or items that do not satisfy the Stanford Stadium Bag Policy are welcome to bring them to the complimentary bag check station, located at Cobb Track/Angell Field. The bag check station opens two hours before the ceremony begins and closes one hour after the conclusion of the event.

## **What types of bags are allowed into Stanford Stadium?**

Approved bags include clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC bags that do not exceed 12"x6"x12"; one-gallon clear, re-sealable plastic storage bags; small clutch bags no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" (approximately the size of a hand) with or without a handle or strap.

## **What types of bags are NOT allowed into Stanford Stadium?**

Prohibited bags include but are not limited to purses, backpacks, binocular cases, camera cases, fanny packs, reusable grocery bags, luggage, duffel bags, seat cushions with a zipper, any bag larger than the permissible size, and any bag that is not clear.

## **How many bags can each person bring into the venue?**

Each person is allowed one (1) clear plastic bag and one (1) small clutch as outlined above. The small clutch allows privacy for small personal items and will also be searched.

## **Have the Permitted and Prohibited Items changed as well with this new bag policy?**

No. Guests are encouraged to bring only necessary items into each venue. All guests and items are subject to search. Any item not on the Permitted Items list will not be allowed into Stanford Stadium unless otherwise approved and properly inspected. Special considerations will be made for guests with special medical needs.

## **Can I carry cameras, binoculars, phones, or tablets separately from what I put in a clear bag?**

Yes. Guests may carry permitted items in their pockets or hands such as keys, phones, wallets, tablets, etc., if you choose not to put them in a clear bag or clutch. In addition, you may carry binoculars and a camera around your neck or in your hands without the case. You can use the clear bag and clutch to carry other items.

## **Are seat cushions allowed to be carried into Stanford Stadium?**

Yes, only approved seat cushions that do not have pockets, zippers, compartments, bags or covers may be carried into the facility.

## **Are all purses prohibited?**

No. Small clutch purses (no larger than 4.5"x6.5"), with or without a handle or strap, are permitted along with a clear tote bag or one-gallon plastic bag.

## **If I have certain medical items/equipment that I need to bring into the venue what do I do?**

Guests with medically necessary items may enter at any gate/entrance but will be subject to additional screening. Supervisors at each entrance will assist.

## **Are diaper bags allowed?**

Diaper bags are permitted, but will be subject to screening, and will only be allowed when accompanied by a child (two years and under). You must have the infant(s) present for which the diaper bag is being carried when the diaper bag is screened.

*Please note: These policies may also apply to other Commencement related events throughout the weekend. Stanford has the authority to prohibit these and any other items deemed to be a security or safety risk. These policies are subject to change without notice*