



How to Stay Safe at Fort McHenry

While this 18th century architectural fort was designed for military defense and a small garrison, it was never intended to host 700,000 visitors annually.

Today safety remains all of our responsibilities and careful vigilance. We want you to enjoy your visit, learn and take memories home with you.

Park Rangers & Volunteers are here to protect you and the park. Help us by observing the following rules:

In The Star Fort

- **Do not climb on the cannons, walls or earthworks.**
- **Do not run in the star fort.**
- **Do not jump off the walls.**

The Grounds

- **Do not walk on the seawall at the water's edge.**
- **Do not climb on trees, monuments and fragile earthworks.**

The Visitor Center

- **Food or open containers are not permitted in the Visitor Center**

Remember! Safety First at the Fort!