



District Tour Group Safety Information and Expectations

Thank you for your interest in a tour of Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District's Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant! We hope your group finds the tour fun and educational.

Keep in mind that the treatment plant is a working facility. The tour route includes stairs and uneven surfaces and passes by operating machinery. The District takes the safety of staff and visitors seriously, and we ask that visitors to the plant take safety seriously as well.

To help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, please review the following safety requirements and ensure that all tour group members and chaperones are aware of these requirements prior to the tour.

- **Footwear:** Tour participants **must** wear closed-toe, flat-soled shoes – no sandals, flip-flops or open-toe shoes are allowed.
- **Clothing:** Much of the tour route is outdoors, so groups should dress appropriately for the weather. Tours are rain or shine unless there is severe weather.
 - **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** The District does not require PPE besides closed-toe shoes for standard plant tours. If your group is visiting areas of the plant that are not part of the standard tour route, contact the Tours coordinator to determine whether additional PPE is needed. In most cases, the District can provide necessary PPE.
- **Chaperone Responsibilities:** Adult tour participants are responsible for supervising minors in the tour group to ensure safe and respectful behavior by all members of the group.
 - **Primary Chaperone:** One adult member of the group will be designated the “primary chaperone,” and will be provided with a reflective vest. We ask that this chaperone walk at the back of the tour group to help keep groups together as the District tour guide leads the group along the tour route.
- **Tour Group Expectations:** All tour participants, regardless of age, are expected to:
 - Stay together and with the District tour guide at all times.
 - Walk safely along the tour route. Running and horseplay are not allowed.
 - Listen while the tour guide is talking.
 - Refrain from touching items on the tour. Do not touch machinery or equipment. Tour participants should wash their hands after visiting the plant, especially before eating.
 - Stand back from fences and barriers. Do not sit, lean or climb on fences or machines.
 - Be aware of vehicles, forklifts and moving machinery.
 - Immediately follow instructions from the tour guide.
 - In the event of an emergency, stay with the tour guide and follow his or her instructions.

Tour guides may stop the tour at any time if group members are behaving unsafely or disrespectfully.