
What NOT to Bring to Basic Training

The following list of items should not be brought to Basic Training. Not bringing these items will make your transition from civilian life to military life easier. Ask your Recruiter for a more detailed list.

Do not bring:

- Family
- Pets
- Privately owned vehicles
- Cameras
- Radios
- Tape players
- Jewelry
- Costly watches are hard to safeguard during training
- Nonprescription drugs or drug paraphernalia
- Steel hair picks
- Razor blades
- Weapons of any type, including pocket knives
- Lighters
- Pornographic material

- Obscene or pornographic material
- Food stuffs
- Magazines or newspapers
- Medication not prescribed by military medical personnel
- Alcoholic beverages
- Products containing alcohol
- Playing cards/dice/dominoes
- Cigarettes/tobacco products
- Large bulky items
- Batteries (except size "D")

Be sure to pack only what is on the list of required items given to you by your recruiter!

Tip:

It's a good idea to pack small and like items in see through ziploc type baggies because you will have to dump your stuff several times for inspection.

Your Drill Sergeant's will be the first to tell you that "Time is not on your side" so little tricks like this one can make difference between a good day and a bad day!

Your recruiter should give you a list of what you can and cannot bring. While it may be cool in high school to loosely interpret "can do" and "cannot do" rules, don't try this in boot camp. If it isn't on the list, don't bring it. Drill Sergeants have a way of using selective new recruits to demonstrate the failings of civilian society for the rest of the recruits.

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