

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF CRIME & PUNISHMENT®

The Galleries

The National Museum of Crime & Punishment (NMCP) provides America's most thorough and comprehensive study of the development and evolution of crime and punishment. Five unique and distinct galleries burrow deep into the studies of criminal intent, criminal profiles, serial killers, issues associated with crime, the prison system, victims, crime prevention, and more. By presenting the concept of crime and punishment through the eyes of both the criminal and the crime fighter – from the offense through the sentencing and imprisonment process – the NMCP explores the fascination with this everyday reality like never before.



A Notorious History of American Crime

This gallery showcases the evolution of crime and the criminal through the ages, beginning with medieval dungeons and greed-driven pirates to the gunslingers of the Old American West and today's white collar "silent criminals" who hide behind computer screens stealing private information and identities. Major criminal masterminds from multiple eras are profiled, highlighting the nature of their crimes and depicting the most nefarious events throughout history -- both solved and unsolved.

Interactives:

- **Pillory Photo Opportunity:** Place head and hands through the pillory to experience the uncomfortable punishment device used during medieval and colonial times
- **Shooting Gallery:** Hone your shooting skills in the Old West
- **Safe Cracking:** Spin a ten digit tumbler to unlock the safe
- **Computer Hacking:** Attempt to hack into a fictitious computer site. Successful attempts result in a welcome screen; unsuccessful hackers are flashed "access denied."

Artifacts:

- Medieval Torture devices
- Bonnie & Clyde Death Car
- Jesse James Collection



Punishment: the Consequence of Crime

Hollywood often glamorizes the criminal, portraying a world where the casino heist is easy and avoiding capture even easier. The truth of the matter is that crime *doesn't* pay, and the NMCP showcases that harsh reality through its full-scale model police station. From a lie detector test to the booking and mug shot rooms, to the cold iron bars and claustrophobia of a jail cell, the NMCP presents first-hand the severity involved when criminals get caught. This gallery also features the ultimate implements of punishment, including the guillotine, the gas chamber, and the electric chair.

Interactives:

- **Lie Detector Test:** Try to outwit the sensor
- **Booking Room:** Get fingerprinted and see what crime you committed
- **Police Lineup:** Follow the police officer's orders as a witness tries to identify you

Artifacts:

- Guillotine
- Gas Chamber
- Electric Chair
- Al Capone's Jail Cell
- Angola Prison Inmate Crafts by Harry Dupree, James Huff, and others



Crime Fighting

The NMCP pays tribute to the people who risk their lives on a daily basis to ensure our safety and security. Who are these everyday heroes? From security personnel and local police officers to the FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies, the NMCP maps America's crime fighting community, showcasing the vast network of investigatory personnel dedicated to making our world as safe as possible. This gallery profiles the ongoing drama of crime and the pursuit of perpetrators, including a chance to experience, first-hand, the skills necessary to fight crime and capture the bad guy. You'll also learn about bomb squad and night vision technology, famous firearms, and spectacular arrests that have taken place throughout history.

Interactives:

- **High Speed Police Chase Simulators:** Experience the exhilaration of a police chase in pursuit of a speeding car.
- **Simulated FBI Shooting Range:** Test your skills in weapon accuracy and judgment.
- **Night Vision:** Try on a pair of night vision goggles. How well can you see?

Artifacts:

- J. Edgar Hoover Badge and Boxing Gloves
- 10 Most Wanted List in America



CSI Experience

If you've ever pondered a day in the life of a crime scene investigator, this simulation is as close to the "real deal" as you can get. Finding yourself in the middle of a fully intact crime scene, you begin your investigation, gathering vital clues to determine what happened when, where, why, and by whom. Upon exiting the crime scene, you'll become the newest member of the local CSI unit. Learn how to solve crime through the use of forensic science technology such as fingerprinting, DNA testing, dental identification, and facial reconstruction. Learn how to apply your knowledge while ensuring that *you* don't become the next victim. With this new forensic knowledge and skill, perhaps you can lay to rest a famous cold case or unsolved mystery also displayed within the museum.

Interactives:

- **Interactive Memory:** Interactive touchscreen in a Q&A format demonstrates perception analysis to stimulate memory recall from crime scenes.
- **Body of Evidence:** Visit the morgue to discover the wonders of an autopsy.
- **Personal Safety Challenge:** A series of questions will reveal your responses to actions you would take in situations where your safety might be in jeopardy.

Artifacts:

- Cold Cases in America



America's Most Wanted: John Walsh's Personal Story

Experience John Walsh's personal story and explore the significant impact of his television show, *America's Most Wanted*, on crime in this country. You will experience a true-life testament to one man's accomplishments in the face of adversity. The filming studio of *America's Most Wanted*, which can be accessed by guests when the show is not in session, serves as home to live broadcasts of the show. A special focus on crime prevention for children includes tips from McGruff the Crime Dog and the latest information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Interactives:

- **Fingerprinting for Children:** Complimentary fingerprinting for young family members is a major component of child safety.
- **Interviewed by John Walsh:** Studio camera with greenscreen technology allows for introductions and interviews by John Walsh.
- **Neighborhood Community Watch:** Use touchscreen technology to learn more about community-based crime prevention programs in your neighborhood.

