



STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor
Joel Brennan, Secretary

VIA EMAIL

TO: Members of the Wisconsin Legislature and all other Wisconsin State Capitol building tenants

FROM: Joel Brennan, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration

DATE: January 11, 2021

RE: Urgent Safety Information Regarding Use of the Wisconsin State Capitol

The tragic and alarming events of last week at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., coupled with the current political climate, have created a situation that necessitates stronger security protocols for the capitol building. Over the last several weeks and escalating in recent days, law enforcement agencies have identified numerous credible threats to state capitols across the country, including Wisconsin.

The Department of Administration (DOA) is working closely with local, state, and national partners to monitor these threats and ensure the Capitol is secure. As such, DOA has implemented additional security measures. For example, the windows of the Capitol were boarded up today, and more law enforcement personnel will be stationed in and around the building for at least the next several weeks. Finally, DOA is encouraging all staff working in the building to work remotely if at all possible through the end of January while law enforcement agencies continue to monitor potential threats.

Members of the legislature and all staff that continue working in the building should be cognizant of their surroundings and those around them, taking special care not to allow unauthorized individuals to enter the building. People are encouraged to contact Capitol Police dispatch at 608-266-7700 (*Emergency dispatch*) or 608-266-8797 (Non-emergency dispatch) with concerns.