

BALTIMORE CITY is easy to NAVIGATE



Association of Writers
& Writing Programs

Baltimore City is easy to navigate, with its charming walkable neighborhoods, exciting eateries, vibrant arts and culture communities and the scenic Inner Harbor all in close proximity. AWP and Visit Baltimore have worked together, along with the Baltimore Police Department and several other agencies, to put a safety plan in place to ensure the comfortability of our visitors.



Expanded Coverage for AWP

AWP and Visit Baltimore's safety partners have implemented a program during all events to ensure the safety of all attendees. Discussions are held regularly to review the 2026 AWP Conference & Bookfair schedule of events so we are able to plan accordingly for appropriate safety resources and deployments.

Attendees can expect an increase in safety precautions including:

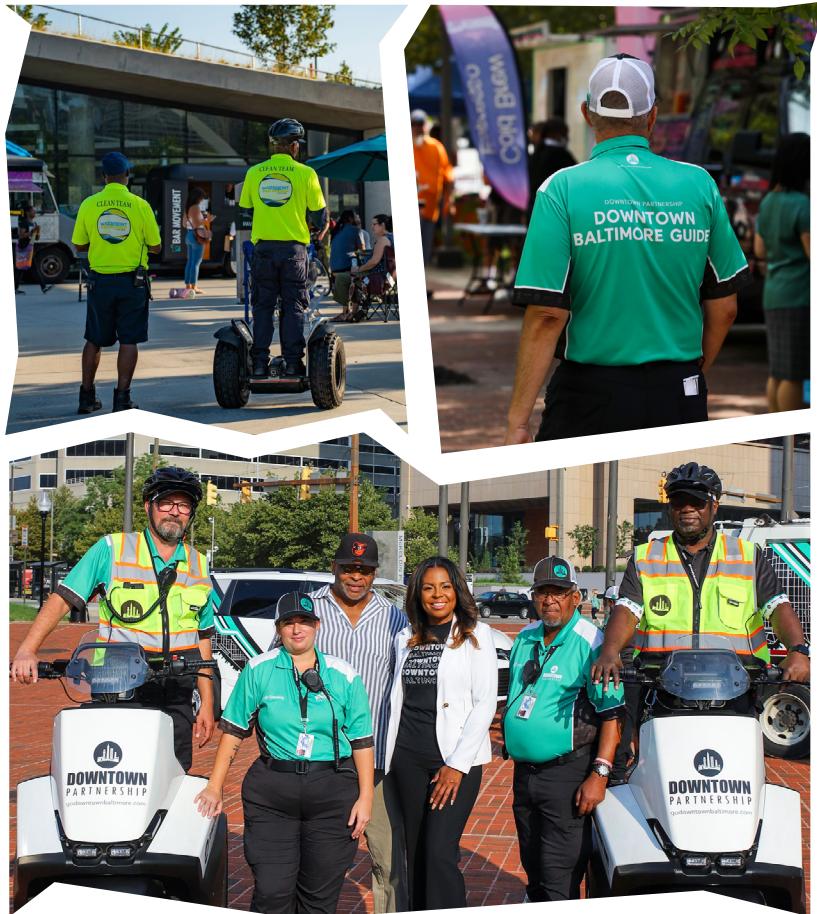
- Visit Baltimore is working in tandem with Tactical Protective Services (TPS) to assist in additional presence around the AWP Conference footprint. The security team will provide coverage on the outside perimeter of the BCC, including monitoring the attendees traversing to and from the major hotels as well as physical checks of the hotels and the Inner Harbor area. You can find them on foot or on patrol in a public safety vehicle.
- Increased safety protocols by the Downtown and Waterfront partnerships around the Convention Center, contracted hotels and off-site event venues used by the group, including additional presence by private security contractors and public law enforcement agencies at every level.
- Parking garage monitoring in the downtown Baltimore area.



Travel Smart While You Are Attending AWP

Visit Baltimore and the hospitality community are dedicated to an outstanding experience while you are attending the 2026 AWP Conference & Bookfair. Whether you are attending AWP events, dining at our award-winning restaurants or popping into a local attraction to grab a memento of your visit to Baltimore, these quick and easy precautions ensure you can explore our vibrant city with confidence:

- Remove your badge when you leave conference events.
- Remain in well-lit, high traffic areas.
- Plan your route ahead of time so you don't get lost.
- Stay alert to your surroundings.
- Keep your phone and valuables tucked into your bag or pocket.
- If possible, travel in groups of three or more.
- Don't hesitate to ask a uniformed officer, guide or security professional for help or guidance.



Request a Downtown Guide or Safety Escort

Guides will meet you at your location and walk with you to your Downtown, Inner Harbor or Harbor East destination. For patrol footprints and hours, please check in with our partners:

Downtown Partnership: GoDowntownBaltimore.com

Dispatch: 410-244-1030
Monday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Waterfront Partnership: WaterfrontPartnership.org

Safety Guide Services: 443-278-4701
Friday-Saturday, 9:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.
Sunday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Please allow 15-20 minutes for a guide to be present at the customer's location.

Warm Welcome Program

Hotels, restaurants, attractions and other businesses across Baltimore are coming together to show AWP that Charm City is committed to supporting and embracing diversity, equity and inclusion, and fostering a welcoming environment for ALL attendees. So far, more than 100 local businesses and tourism entities have committed to the mission by signing the pledge and completing the training, and we are actively working to expand this partnership across the city.

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Meetings & Conventions

Baltimore.org/Meetings

Emergency & Non-Emergency Contact Information

In the event of an emergency, please call 911. In the event of a non-emergency, please call 311.

HOSPITALS

Name	Address	Phone Number	Miles from Convention Center
Mercy Medical Center	345 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD	(410) 332-9000	0.70
University of Maryland Medical Center	22 S. Greene St. Baltimore, MD	(410) 328-8667	0.80
Maryland General Hospital	827 Linden Ave. Baltimore, MD	(410) 225-8000	1.30
Johns Hopkins Hospital	1800 Orleans St. Baltimore, MD	(410) 955-5000	1.93

MEDICAL/DENTAL CLINICS

Name	Address	Phone Number	Miles from Convention Center
Inner Harbor Dental Associates	2 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD	(410) 528-0300	0.03
Concentra Urgent Care	100 S. Charles St. #150 Baltimore, MD	(410) 752-3010	0.10
CVS Minute Clinic	630 S. Exeter St. Baltimore, MD	(866) 389-2727	1.10
Patient First	5100 Eastern Ave. Baltimore, MD	(410) 814-4500	3.80

PHARMACIES

NON 24-HOUR PHARMACIES

Name	Address	Phone Number	Miles from Convention Center
Walgreens Pharmacy	6 N. Howard St. Baltimore, MD	(410) 951-5940	0.2
CVS Pharmacy	400 E. Pratt St. Baltimore, MD	(410) 685-4843	0.6
University of MD Hospital Pharmacy	22 S. Greene St., Suite 400 Baltimore, MD	(410) 328-2342	0.8
James Pharmacy	1119 Light St. Baltimore, MD	(410) 752-5810	0.8
CVS Pharmacy	630 S. Exeter St. Baltimore, MD	(410) 962-6520	1.1

24-HOUR PHARMACIES

VA Medical Center Pharmacy	10 N. Greene St. Baltimore, MD	(410) 605-7106	0.7
Mercy Medical Center Pharmacy	301 Saint Paul St. Baltimore, MD	(410) 332-9628	0.8
Maryland General Hospital Pharmacy	827 Linden Ave. Baltimore, MD	(410) 225-8000	1.3