

# WHAT HAPPENS DURING A SHUTDOWN

A government shutdown is completely avoidable, yet the last shutdown cost the U.S. economy \$11 billion - \$3 billion of which was never recovered. It put hard-working government employees' livelihoods in limbo. Many struggled to pay bills and feed their families. On September 30, it may happen all over again. Here's what that means:



As early as Sept. 30 the government can run out of \$\$\$.



Over 800,000 federal workers could be required to work without pay or be locked out of their jobs.



No new Social Security cards will be issued and veterans' benefits claims stop being processed.



The hiring of law enforcement and other essential employees stops.



Processing of visa and passport claims stop.



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In the event of a shutdown inspection of food, water, workplaces, chemical plants, and hazardous waste sites could come to a halt.



National Parks could close, causing a loss of \$400,000 a day from entrance fee revenue.



Learn more at [www.afge.org/StopTheShutdown](http://www.afge.org/StopTheShutdown)

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