

## **Courthouse Procedures**

Dear Visitors:

Thank you for your service to our community. Due to heightened security requirements, you can expect to go through a security checkpoint when entering county buildings. You may also expect to be treated with courtesy and respect. Please arrive approximately 15-30 minutes early to complete the screening process.

Prohibited items are weapons, explosives, incendiaries, and include items that are seemingly harmless but may be used as weapons (“dual items”). You may not bring these items through the security check point, even accidentally. Anything that may be dangerous to you or others that may be illegal.

If you bring a prohibited item to the check point, you may be criminally prosecuted or, at the least, asked to rid yourself of the item. This is because bringing a prohibited item through a security check point even accidentally- may be dangerous to you or others and may be illegal.

Your prohibited item may be detained for use in an investigation and, if necessary, as evidence in your criminal prosecution. If permitted by the screener you may be allowed to take the item to your car; or voluntarily abandon the item. Items that are voluntarily abandoned may not be recovered or may not be returned to you.

The prohibited items list below is not intended to be all inclusive, and may be updated as necessary. To ensure everyone’s security, the screener may determine that an item not on the list is prohibited.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance, if you have an questions, please call

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