
The Jefferson County Historical Courthouse and Courthouse annex has a security system consisting of metal detectors, CCTV cameras, and x-ray machines. Anything considered to be a weapon or that is deemed unacceptable by the security officers will be confiscated and/or dealt with appropriately. All visitors and employees are encouraged to report suspicious activity/ suspicious person to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and/or security officers.

WARNING!!

Attempting to bring these items into this building may result in your arrest, a citation being issued, or other criminal charges being filed against you.

This list is not all-inclusive list and is a guideline as many other items may be used as potential weapons.

Pocket Knives over 3" in total folded length

Alcohol	CO ² Canisters	Letter Openers	Stakes
Ammunition	Corkscrews	Lock Picks	Sterno
Baseball Bats	Daggers	Mace	Straight Razors
Batons	Darts	Martial Arts Devices	Stun Guns
Bicycle Chains	Firearms	Meat Cleavers	Swords
Brass Knuckles	Fireworks	Motorcycle Chains	Syringes (non-medical)
Black Jacks	Flammable Liquid	Ninja Pins	Tear Gas
Bolts	Glass Containers	Plastic Knuckles	Thermo Point
Box Cutters	Gun Lighters	Railroad Spikes	Throwing Stars
Bullets	Handcuffs	Razors	Tools
Bullet Clips	Horseshoes	Razor Blades	Toy Guns
Butterfly Knives	Ice Picks	Scissors, Large	
Chains	Laser Pointers	Spikes	
Clubs	Leatherman's	Spurs	

Courthouse Security Procedures:

The public enter and exit the building through the public front entrance doors located on the first floor.

All public entering the courthouse through the front door of the main entrance and will go through the security screening process.

Items such as illegal narcotics, firearms, knives, scissors, carpet or box cutters, letter openers or other edged weapons are considered contraband.

When individuals are found with contraband, which constitutes a criminal violation, the items shall be seized and the person taken into custody or issued a criminal citation, depending on the circumstances.

Individuals found with items that would otherwise be legal to carry, such as pocketknives (over 3" in total folded length), or pepper spray, will be advised that they must take these items back to their vehicles. The security officers will not store items for the individuals nor accept them as discarded property.

1. Individuals entering the courthouse will be screened by use of walk-through magnetometers and/or hand-held magnetometers.
2. Individuals who bring items into the courthouse for court purposes must check in at the screening station on the first floor main entrance where the items will be checked and screened by security personnel.
3. The X-ray machine will scan items as listed in procedures.
4. Individuals shall place all items on the X-ray conveyor belt and empty all pockets into a tray before entering the walk-through magnetometer. A positive indication by the magnetometer will require a second walk-through by the individual.
5. A second positive indication by the walk-through magnetometer will require a search using the hand magnetometer to locate the source of the positive indication. The security officer may take the person to the side and pat down the individual if it is determined that some suspected object is causing the positive indication and there is reasonable suspicion that the individual has an object that poses a security risk.
6. Suspicious images observed in packages or handbags shall be closely examined by having the owner open the package for inspection.

Ensuring the safety and security of all people who utilize the Jefferson County Courthouse facilities is a top priority of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

Please direct any questions regarding these procedures to Jefferson County Courthouse Security at (409) 784-5867
