



CHAMBERS OF
THOMAS J. NIXON
Presiding Judge
Department 1

René C. Davidson Courthouse
1225 Fallon Street
Oakland, CA 94612

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
GENERAL DIRECTIVE BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE

DIRECTIVE NO: 2025-03A

SUBJECT: WEAPONS SECURITY AND HEALTH SCREENING

1. Entry Directives

Pursuant to the general authority conferred upon the Court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 128 and 187, persons entering any location of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda in which a weapons-screening station is in use must enter through one of the security check points. Such persons may be required to pass through the weapons-screening station and/or submit to a search of their person and belongings.

Persons entering any court location in which a weapons-screening station is not in use are subject to a search of their person and belongings for concealed weapons and/or soft body armor.

2. Prohibition of Entry

Any person refusing to pass through a weapons-screening station, refusing to submit to a search of their person and belongings, or refusing to comply with public health and safety requirements will be denied entry into the building, except for the following:

- A. Elected public officers (but not their deputies or assistants) under Article 6, Section 16 [a judge of a court of record] or Article 11 Section 1 [an elected county sheriff, an elected district attorney, an elected assessor, and an elected governing body] of the Constitution of California;
- B. Deputies or assistants of elected office holders, appointed office holders, or employees of the County or Court who display an employment identification card that is approved by the Alameda County Sheriff and acknowledged by Alameda County Sheriff's Office staff at the weapons-screening station;

- C. Persons issued proximity cards by the Court, the General Services Agency, and/or the County of Alameda who enter the court by separate entrance controlled by proximity cards; and
- D. Any attorney who has been issued an Attorney Security Pass by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

4. Prohibition of Armed/Armored Entry

Except for peace officers who are on official business at a courthouse, any person in possession of any weapon described in Section 171b of the California Penal Code, or any person in possession of any object reasonably deemed capable of being used as a deadly or dangerous weapon by the Alameda County Sheriff, or any person wearing soft body armor, will be denied entry into the building. Any peace officer who is not on official business must surrender any weapons and may reclaim them upon exit from the courthouse.

5. Other Prohibited Items

Except as otherwise provided herein, all persons are prohibited from entering a courthouse or facility with any item on the Court's Prohibited Items list, attached, and incorporated herein by this reference as it may be amended.

6. Operational Control

All weapons-screening stations operations shall be under the direction of the Alameda County Sheriff.

7. Public Health and Safety Requirements

Persons entering a courthouse are not required to wear a mask while in any space controlled by the Court, although masks are strongly recommended for all persons. Persons who feel they are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 infection are strongly discouraged from entering a courthouse. This section is subject to periodic review and update.

General Directive 2025-03 is hereby rescinded.

This directive shall expire on December 31, 2025.

Issued: January 28, 2025



Thomas J. Nixon, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda

PROHIBITED ITEMS

To ensure the safety of all who enter the courthouse, the following items are not permitted inside the building:

NO

- Aerosols - unless required for medical purpose
- Alcohol or Marijuana
- Ammunition
- Animals (except service animals)
- Any Device Capable of Emitting Smoke or Vapor
- Any Item that Can Be Used As a Weapon as Determined by Sheriff's Office.
- Any Property That Cannot Be Safely Screened
- Bats and Other Sporting Equipment
- Body Armor
- Bicycles, Bike Locks
- Bladed or Sharp Instruments
- Breakable Containers (including ceramic and glass)
- Firearms and Replica Firearms
- Flammable or Chemical Sprays
- Graffiti Tools and Marking Pens
- Handcuffs and/or Handcuff Keys
- Hazardous Biological or Chemical Liquids or Materials
- Illegal Drugs and Drug Paraphernalia
- Knives
- Laser Pointers
- Lighters/Matches/Fire Starters
- Needles/Syringes or Other Similar Objects (unless required for medical purpose)
- Pepper Spray
- Projectile Weapons
- Stun Guns
- Tasers
- Tear Gas

