

IN THE LYNNWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT
COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH, STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF)
COURTHOUSE SECURITY) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-03
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WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the judiciary, and within its inherent power and its statutory authority to take reasonable steps to provide access to justice for all citizens, and to promote the safety of persons, including parties, witnesses, jurors, staff, and observers, while present in court facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

No person shall be permitted to possess or bring into court facilities any prohibited item or any other item that is determined to be a threat to security. Items prohibited in the Courthouse include, but are not limited to:

- Any firearms, ammunition, and magazines whether real, fake or toy, flare, air, and/or BB, regardless of possession of a Concealed Weapon Permit;
- Gun-shaped lighters, toy guns, and replica guns;
- Knives as well as sharp and pointed objects that include, but are not limited to, all scissors, regardless of length; razor blades; box cutters; and Exacto-type tools;
- Stun guns, tasers, pepper spray, chemical mace or tear gas weapons, and tactical flashlights;
- Weapons, including but not limited to, nunchucks, hand batons, brass knuckles and blackjacks;
- Handcuffs, handcuff keys, and whistles, except those possessed by sworn law enforcement officers on duty;
- All tools, including screwdrivers, pliers, wrenches, hammers, etc.;
- Letter openers, ice picks, darts, fishing hooks, metal locks, and knitting needles;
- Laser pointers except those used by attorneys in courtroom presentations;
- All bicycles, skateboards, skates, hover-boards, or similar devices;
- All flammable liquids, torch-style lighters, aerosol sprayers, and oil-based lamps;
- Any type of device deemed to be a real or fake explosive/incendiary device, including but not limited to, bombs, grenades, rockets, mines, fireworks, sparklers, and blasting caps;
- Controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, marijuana, alcohol, and intoxicants (prescription drugs in their original containers are not prohibited);
- Electronic cigarettes, vaping devices, and other electronic nicotine delivery systems;
- Body armor;
- Compressed gas containers unless required for medical device use;
- All liquids, with the exception of medically necessary liquids, formula, and breast milk;
- Any item deemed by security as having the potential to inflict or cause physical harm; and
- Any item deemed by security as having the potential to cause a disturbance in the Courthouse.

The following persons may possess certain prohibited items, to the extent described below:

- Commissioned or partially/specially commissioned law enforcement and corrections personnel while present in court facilities on official agency business, and only with respect to prohibited items they are authorized to possess or carry by their employing agency, or prohibited items that are to be used as exhibits/evidence in a pending court case, if rendered safe.
- City of Lynnwood employees working in the capacity of construction, repair, and maintenance, and who are on assignment in court facilities, may be allowed to bring in tools of their trade. Contract workers may also be allowed, after notification and verification of their work by court administration.
- Persons employed in the court may bring office equipment, supplies, food and drink, and ordinary kitchen utensils into court facilities.
- Attorneys may bring exhibits/evidence in a pending court case into court facilities; however, evidentiary exhibits containing prohibited items must be cleared by a Court Marshal and rendered safe prior to entry.
- Armored transport personnel shall be allowed to retain their company-authorized firearm.

At all times, Court Marshals may allow or turn away items not included herein at their discretion. Items altered from their original use may also be prohibited. The Court Marshals have the discretion to hold items for safekeeping; however, Marshals will not hold for safekeeping any prohibited items that appear to be a hazard. Marshals shall confiscate any items that are illegal to possess by law. Persons found in possession of illegal items may be arrested and charged under law.

DATED at Lynnwood, Washington this 8th day of May, 2023.



PRESIDING JUDGE