

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In The Matter Of:

WEAPONS IN THE ARIZONA
STATE COURTS BUILDING

Administrative Order
No. 96- 35

The Court recognizes that every effort should be made to provide a safe environment for all persons visiting, working, or having business in the Arizona State Courts Building. Restricting the presence of weapons in the court building is essential to provide such security.

Administrative Order 90-33, issued by this Court on August 30, 1990, created the Advisory Committee on Risk Management/Court Security. The committee developed court security standards that could be used by courts statewide to establish court security policies and procedures. Standard 1.1.7 recommends that written guidelines be developed to restrict weapons in any court or court-related facility.

On July 12, 1996, this Court issued Administrative Order 96-32 revising Administrative Order 93-30 (Presiding Judges Authority) to include authority for presiding judges to prohibit or regulate the possession of weapons in an area assigned to, or controlled by, the superior, municipal, and justice courts. This order provides such restriction of weapons at the Arizona State Courts Building.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. § 41-791 (B)(3)(d).

IT IS ORDERED that no weapon or dangerous instrument, as described in the attached List of Prohibited Items, shall be brought into the Arizona State Courts Building located at 1501 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, except by Arizona State Courts Building Security Officers, certified law enforcement officers acting in their official capacity, or any person authorized by the Chief Justice or Administrative Director.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all persons (including court employees and building tenants), packages, purses, briefcases, boxes, and other containers may be examined for weapons or dangerous instruments upon entry into any area of the Arizona State Courts Building. Examination for weapons may include the use of magnetometers, x-ray machines, or physical inspection.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any person not specifically authorized in this order and who lawfully possesses a weapon or potential weapon (including a person with a concealed weapons permit) is responsible for removing their weapons and storing them in a safe manner outside of the Arizona State Courts Building.

Dated this 25th day of July, 1996.

STANLEY G. FELDMAN
Chief Justice

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- A. The goal of the Court Security Department is to make the work place a safe environment for all employees. In pursuit of this goal, the following is a list of weapons and items, by category, prohibited within the Arizona State Courts Building.

This list should only be used as a guideline. If questions or complaints arise, please refer them to the Security Manager.

❖ LEVEL ONE PROHIBITED ITEMS ❖

Level One is our highest level of security in the Arizona State Courts Building. All court, administrative, and public hearings held within the building are considered Level One for security purposes. The categories below are an expanded list of potential weapons and items prohibited in the building, under Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, Security Policy 4.11.

PROHIBITED DEADLY WEAPONS:

A.R.S. §13-3101.1 - Describes a deadly weapon as a firearm, or anything designed for lethal use. Examples include, but are not limited to:

Box Cutters	Pen Guns
Butterfly Knives	Razors
Firearms	Razor Blades
Daggers	Straight Razors
Knives	Swords

PROHIBITED EXPLOSIVES:

A.R.S. §13-3101.3 - Describes an explosive as any dynamite, nitroglycerine, black powder or other similar explosive material including plastic explosives but does not mean or include ammunition or ammunition components such as primers, percussion caps, smokeless powder and black powder used for hand loading purposes. These items are listed under the Prohibited Potential Weapons category.

Black Powder	Fireworks
Blasting Caps	Plastic Explosives
Dynamite	Nitroglycerine

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PROHIBITED FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS:

A.R.S. §28-602 - Flammable liquid means any liquid which has a flash point of less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit and which is defined in the 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 173.

Examples include but are not limited to:

Acetone	Lighter Fluid
Alcohol	Paint Thinner
Ether	Sterno
Gasoline	Turpentine

PROHIBITED CAUSTIC ALKALIES AND ACIDS:

A.R.S. §36-1101 - Describes dangerous, caustic or corrosive substances as:

Acetic Acid	Nitric Acid
Ammonia Water	Oxalic Acid
Arsenic	Potassium Hydroxide
Carbolic Acid	Silver Nitrate
Hydrochloric Acid	Sodium Hydroxide
Hypochlorous Acid	Sulphuric Acid

This category also includes any household item that has a poison label or any item from the above list that is contained in a mis-labeled package or container.

PROHIBITED WEAPONS AND CONTRABAND:

A.R.S. §13-3101.7 - Describes prohibited weapons as:

Bombs	Land Mine
Grenade	Poison Gas
Explosives	Rockets
Incendiary Devices	

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A.R.S. §13-2501 - Describes Contraband as:

Dangerous Instruments
Dangerous Drugs
(speed, LSD, etc.)
Deadly Weapons
Explosives

Narcotic Drugs
(Heroin, cocaine, etc.)
Obscene Materials
Marijuana

PROHIBITED POTENTIAL WEAPONS:

The following is a list of items that could be considered as potential weapons and will be prohibited at all hearings. The list includes but is not limited to:

Ammunition	Hatchets
Ammunition Components	Horse Shoes
●Primers	Ice Picks
●Percussion Caps	Knitting Needles
●Smokeless Powder	Letter Openers
●Black Power used	Lock Picks
for hand loading	Meat Cleavers
Baseball Bats	Martial Arts Devices
Batons	Multi-Blade Knives
Bicycle Chains	Ninja Pins
Black Jacks	Nail Files (4" or longer)
Brass Knuckles	Plastic Knuckles/Brass
Bullets	Safety Pins (large)
Bullet Clips	Scissors
Clubs	Spikes
Cork Screws	Stakes
Crochet Hooks	Syringes
Darts	Throwing Stars
Facsimiles of Weapons	Tools
Gun Lighters	Toy Guns/Weapons
Hammers	
Handcuffs	

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- B. There are many miscellaneous religious items that could be used as a potential weapon. Security will determine if an item is to be allowed into a secured area..

RELIGIOUS ITEMS:

Certain religious articles may be considered by the holder as sacred. Many times the holder will request that the item not be unsealed or opened. They believe the object will lose its religious power if tampered with. When this occurs, security will physically examine or x-ray the item and determine its admissibility into the secured area. Examples of such items include:

- Small religious objects worn or carried as charms to avert evil and bring good fortune.
 - Leather pouches (usually worn around the neck)
 - Medicine bags (used in Native American religious practice)
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❖ LEVEL TWO PROHIBITED ITEMS ❖

Level Two is a low priority level of security. The category below lists items from Level One categories that Arizona State Courts Building employees and tenants may have in their possession at work but cannot take into any Level One restricted area or event. All Prohibited Items in Level One apply to Level Two, with the exception of the items listed below.

Eating Utensils	Nail Files
Exercise Equipment (i.e. arm builders, etc.)	Pepper Spray/Mace
Hobby/Craft Tools (i.e.; knitting needles, glue guns, etc.)	Scissors
Letter Openers	Small Multi-Blade Knives
	Small Utility Tools (hammers/ screwdrivers, etc.)