

ALASKA COURT SYSTEM
OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR
ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN NO. 85
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TO: ALL HOLDERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN SETS:

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All Judges	Court Analysts
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SUBJECT: Prohibited Items List

Members of the public are prohibited from bringing any of the following items into a court facility. For purposes of this bulletin, attorneys and jurors are members of the public.

PROHIBITED ITEMS LIST

Caution: Illegal items may be confiscated.

1. **Firearms:** All firearms (operational or not), starter pistols, realistic replicas of firearms, BB guns, compressed air guns (to include paintball markers); gun lighters, flare guns, pellet guns, and parts of guns and firearms are prohibited.
2. **Ammunition:** Ammunition components, magazines, and gunpowder including black powder and percussion caps are also prohibited.
3. **Explosives, Chemicals, and Flammable Items:** Blasting caps, dynamite, fireworks, flares, hand grenades, plastic explosives, and realistic replicas of explosives are prohibited. Acids, Aerosols (except for personal care and must be in limited quantities), fuels including cooking fuels and any flammable liquid fuel, gasoline, gas torches, lighter fluid, torch lighters, flammable paints, turpentine and paint thinner, chlorine for pools and spas, compressed gas cartridges, liquid bleach, spray paint, and realistic replicas of incendiaries are prohibited.
4. **Knives:** All knives, box cutters, axes, ice axes, ice picks, meat cleavers, razor blades (excluding safety razors), utility knives, sabers, scissors (excluding blunt tip less than six inches in length overall), spears, crochet and knitting needles, and swords are prohibited.

5. **Tools:** Tools are prohibited from entering the court facilities unless the person is present to perform work within the court facilities, and a supervisory level court employee verifies the person and work to be done. Tools include axes, hatchets, cattle prods, crowbars, hammers, drills and bits, saws (hand and power), screwdrivers, wrenches, pliers, etc. An attorney or witness may bring a laser pointer into a court facility for use in a presentation.
6. **Martial arts and self-defense items:** Billy clubs, black jacks, brass knuckles, kubatons, self-defense sprays (pepper spray, cn or cs gas, and tear gas), martial arts weapons, nightsticks, nunchucks, throwing stars, and batons are prohibited.
7. **Electronic Weapons:** All types of electronic weapons such as stun guns and tasers are prohibited.
8. **Law Enforcement and Security Related Items:** Badges, handcuffs, disposable handcuffs, zip ties, handcuff keys, large metal flashlights, ballistic vests, or any other type of law enforcement or security related items are prohibited. Law enforcement officers, who present official government credentials, may bring into the courthouse badges, handcuffs, and handcuff keys as long as they are not displayed. On-duty security guards contracted to the court system to provide security screening at the courthouse may possess handcuffs and handcuff keys.
9. **Alcoholic Beverages and Marijuana:** All types of alcoholic beverages whether opened or sealed and all forms of marijuana are prohibited.
10. **Illegal Drugs:** Any type of non-prescription controlled substance (drugs) or items associated with illegal drug use such as syringes, pipes and tubes with burn marks or containers with drug residue are prohibited.
11. **Miscellaneous Items:** Baseball bats, bows and arrows, cricket bats, golf clubs, hockey sticks, lacrosse sticks, pool cues, spear guns, javelins, etc. are prohibited.
12. **Other Items:** A judicial services supervisor may stop a person from bringing any item that might be dangerous and not on the above list until the item can be identified and the Area Court Administrator authorizes the item to be brought in to the court. The Area Court Administrator may take the matter under advisement and take up to five working days to render a decision. Judicial Services is authorized to decide if the quantity of an item is more than should be allowed in the courthouse or if an item is a realistic replica.
13. **Statute, Court Rule, or Administrative Bulletin:** Items that are prohibited under a state statute, court rule, or court administrative bulletin that are not listed above are also prohibited.

14. **Exhibits:** If a person wishes to bring a prohibited item to court as an exhibit, they should contact DPS Judicial Services for instructions on how to proceed. At court locations without Judicial Services, the person should obtain instructions from the assigned judge regarding the process.

15. **Additional information:** Questions regarding this list should be directed to the Area Court Administrator for the relevant judicial district.

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/s/
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Administrative Director

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