

# Courthouse Security

## General Information

The Burlington County Sheriff's Department oversees security at the County Courts Complex in Mount Holly, to ensure the safety of all visitors, litigants and judiciary employees in the administration of justice. The courts complex consists of four buildings, which includes 22-courtrooms, Judicial Chambers, Probation Departments and the Prosecutor's Office.



Courts Facility Building

Historic Courthouse



County Office Buildings & Courts

## Courthouse Security Screening Process

Since September 11th, 2001 security in court buildings has become extremely comprehensive to ensure that no weapons, explosives or any other dangerous items can be brought into any judicial facility.

All persons entering a courts building must undergo security screening, which includes x-ray of all packages, purses, briefcases and any other containers, and metal detectors and hand scanners to scan each individual who enters the facility. Every litigant, attorney, off-duty law enforcement officer and employee will be screened prior to gaining admittance to judicial buildings.

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to the following:

- Guns
- Ammunition
- Knives
- Box Cutters
- Scissors
- Razors
- Chemical Mace/Pepper Spray
- Explosive Devices or Materials
- Brass Knuckles
- Caustic Chemicals
- Flammable Materials
- Tools
- Glass Bottles
- Fingernail Files
- Knitting Needles
- Toy Guns or Handcuffs
- Stun Guns

Prohibited items that are not illegal to possess will be retained by sheriff's officers at the screening area. A receipt for same will be issued and the item will be returned to you when you leave the complex.

### Items Safe to Pass Through X-Ray & Metal Detectors:

- Food
- Computers
- Film (Up to 1600 Speed)
- Credit Cards
- Cell Phones, PDA's & Pagers
- Access Control Cards
- Video/Audio Tapes

The procedures outlined above can cause short delays on busy mornings, particularly between 8:00 and 9:00am. Visitors should plan to arrive a few minutes early, to avoid being late for scheduled court proceedings.

Sheriff's Officers are committed to providing a safe environment to all members of the public who visit the Burlington County Courts Complex. Please understand that these procedures are for your safety, and the well being of everyone who visits and works in our judicial facilities.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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Sheriff