



CHAMBERS OF  
CHARLES A. SMILEY III  
*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: 2023-03A**

**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.

**5. Operational Control**

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

**6. 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.

Directive 2023-03 is hereby rescinded.

This directive shall expire on December 31, 2023.

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Charles A. Smiley III, Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda