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René C. Davidson Courthouse
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

GENERAL DIRECTIVE BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE

DIRECTIVE NO: 2026-03A

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 at a courthouse on official court business (as defined below), 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, will be denied entry into the building. Any peace officer who is not on official court business, as defined above, must surrender any weapons or return without them and may reclaim any surrendered weapons upon exit from the courthouse.

Except for peace officers authorized by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, any person wearing soft body armor will also be denied entry into the building.

"Official Court business" means specifically:

- (a) Deputies and employees of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, and any officer or deputy of a law enforcement agency at the request of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office to provide mutual aid and/or assist with security;
- (b) Other peace officers at the courthouse to testify in a case or to meet with employees of the District Attorney's Office in their official capacity, to obtain a paper warrant, to perform a records check, or to make a criminal arrest pursuant to a warrant; or
- (c) District attorney investigators whose place of employment is at an office inside a courthouse.

5. Other Prohibited Items

Except as otherwise provided herein, all persons are prohibited from entering a courthouse or facility with any item on the Court's Prohibited Items list, attached, and incorporated herein by this reference as it may be amended.

6. Operational Control

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

7. Public Health and Safety Requirements

Persons who feel they are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 infection or other similar health issues are strongly discouraged from entering a courthouse. Such persons are also encouraged to wear a mask while in any courthouse. This section is subject to periodic review and update.

General Directive 2026-03 is hereby rescinded.

This directive shall expire on December 31, 2026.

Issued: January 15, 2026



Michael M. Markman, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda