

BURLINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

General Information

The Burlington County Sheriff's Office oversees security at the County Courts Complex in Mt. Holly. Sheriff officers ensure the safety of all visitors, litigants, and judiciary employees. The courts complex consists of four buildings: the courts facility, the historic courthouse, county offices building, and surrogate/clerk's office.

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

All persons entering a courthouse must undergo security screening, which includes an x-ray of all packages, purses, briefcases, and any other personal items brought in. Body and handheld scanners are used to scan each individual who enters the facility. Every litigant, attorney, off-duty law enforcement officer and employee will be screened prior to entering the facility.

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 MUST be returned to the bearer's vehicle, before they are allowed into the courts complex. Please ensure that you do not bring any items that are not appropriate.

ITEMS SAFE TO PASS THROUGH X-RAY & METAL DETECTORS:

- Food
- Computers
- Film (Up to 1600 Speed)
- Credit Cards
- Cell phones & other electronic devices
- Access Control Cards
- Video/Audio Tapes

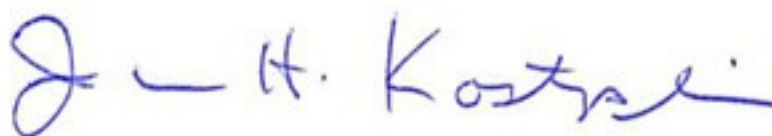
Please note that No Audio, Video or Photographic equipment may be brought into any courtroom without first obtaining permission from the Superior Courts Trial Court Administrator. You may call 609-518-2514 before bringing such equipment to the courts complex. All handheld cell phones MUST be turned off prior to entering any courtroom.

Numerous courtrooms maintain audio recording equipment that is running 24/7. Any comments made in any courtroom, even during recess periods may be recorded. Signage is provided in each of these designated courtrooms.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. H. Kostoplis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a stylized "H".

James H. Kostoplis
Sheriff