

XIX. APPENDIX B – PROHIBITED AND PERMITTED ITEMS

The purpose of this Appendix is to establish a common list of items that are specifically prohibited from entry into King County Court facilities by court order and law. This Appendix will also establish a list of items that may be allowed entry. This is not intended to be a complete or comprehensive list.

At times Marshals/Deputies may allow or turn away items not included herein at their discretion. Items that have been altered from their original use or intent may also be prohibited. Laws relating to other prohibited items or weapons may be located in Title 9.41 RCW, Firearms and Dangerous Weapons as well as local city ordinances.

King County Employees, working in the capacity of construction, repair and maintenance, and who are on assignment in court facilities, may be allowed to bring in tools of their trade. Contract workers may also be allowed, after notification and verification of their work by Facilities Management Division.

Commissioned law enforcement personnel and deputy prosecuting attorneys may bring exhibits (evidence) in a pending court case into court facilities. All other evidentiary exhibits (of prohibited items) must be cleared by a Court Protection Unit Sergeant.

Persons employed in the building may bring office equipment, supplies and ordinary kitchen utensils into court facilities.

Biological hazards – Marshals/Deputies will not hold for safekeeping any prohibited items (i.e.; used razors, dirty eating utensils, etc.) that appear to be a biological hazard.

Illegal items – Marshals/Deputies shall confiscate any items that are illegal to possess by law. Persons found in possession of illegal items may be arrested and charged under law.

Generally speaking, commissioned Law Enforcement personnel on official business are excluded from the provisions of this document.

A. Prohibited Items

1. Sharp Instruments

- Box Cutters/Utility Knives
- Corkscrews (any size)
- Knives (except for plastic or metal round bladed butter type knives)
- Knitting Needles (any size – metal, plastic or other material - includes circular needles)
- Razor-Type Blades (straight razors and razor blades-does not include safety razors)
- Meat Cleavers
- Swords/Sabers/Daggers/Dirks
- Scissors (metal with pointed tips - any size)

2. Firearms/Weapons
 - Ammunition of any kind
 - Billy Clubs/Night Sticks/Black Jacks
 - Brass Knuckles (includes plastic, metal or other material)
 - Firearms of any kind (includes BB/Pellet/Air-soft/Paintball and Replicas)
 - Flare Guns
 - Gun Powder including black powder and percussion caps
 - Gun Shaped Lighters
 - Martial Arts Weapons of any kind (includes Nunchakus, Kubatons and Throwing Stars)
 - Parts of Firearms
 - Starter Pistols
 - Spear Guns
 - Slung or Sling shots of any kind
 - Tasers/Stun Guns/Cattle Prods/Shocking Devices of any kind
 - Toy Guns/Weapons of any kind

3. Tools
 - Axes/Hatchets
 - Chain (greater than 7" in length)
 - Crowbars
 - Drills and Drill Bits (includes cordless portable power drills)
 - Hammers (all types)
 - Pipe (plastic or metal, including end caps)
 - Saws and Saw Blades (includes cordless portable power saws)
 - Screwdrivers of any length (except for small eyeglass type)
 - Tools (greater than 7" in length)
 - Wrenches and Pliers (7" or more in length)

4. Chemicals/Incendiary Devices
 - Acid/Ammonia/Chlorine/Chemical drain openers/ Liquid Bleach
 - Aerosols (any except for personal care or toiletries in limited quantities)
 - Any unidentifiable liquid, gas, gel, substance or chemical
 - Charcoal/Sulfur
 - Fire extinguishers and other compressed gas cylinders
 - Flammable Liquids/Gels/Gases (includes Paints, Turpentine and Paint Thinner)
 - Fuels (includes Gasoline, Cooking Fuels and Lighter Fluid)
 - Gas Torches/Torch Lighters - thin, needle-like flame of air-propelled fire
 - Mace/Pepper Spray/Tear Gas Explosives or Incendiaries of any kind (includes Replicas, Fireworks and Flares)
 - Spray Paint

5. Miscellaneous
- Golf Clubs/ Pool Cues/ Ski Poles/Sticks/Poles/ Hockey or Lacrosse Sticks
 - Handcuff keys
 - Skateboards/Ripsticks or similar devices
 - Spillable Batteries - except those in wheelchairs

B. **Permitted Items**

1. Cigar Cutters
2. Common eating utensils (i.e.: forks, round bladed butter type knives)
3. Crochet Needles (hooked tips)
4. Cuticle Cutters/ Nail Clippers-any size/ Nail Files with rounded tips- any size
5. Eyeglass Repair Tools - including miniature screwdrivers.
6. Eyelash Curlers
7. Glass bottles/containers containing identified and permitted liquids
8. Hair chopsticks with blunt tips
9. Round bladed butter type knives (plastic or metal)
10. Safety Razors (disposable razors)
11. Scissors – any size plastic or metal with blunt tips
12. Tools except screwdrivers (7” or less in length)
13. Tweezers
14. Wrenches and Pliers (7” or less in length)