



# Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

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## Juror Information on Courthouse Security

Welcome!

Security at the Multnomah County Courthouse is provided by the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, and is comprised of Facility Security Officers, Corrections Deputies, and Law Enforcement Deputies. Security screenings include the use of walk through metal detectors, X-ray machines, hand-held metal detectors, and when necessary, physical pat down searches.

**Prior to metal detector screening**, persons with implanted electronic medical devices should notify the officer if they have a concern about the device being affected. Persons expressing concerns about their implanted medical device will be offered an alternative method of screening.

**ALL** items that cannot pass metal detector screening must be scanned through the X-ray machine. Trays are available for running items through the X-ray machine. Laptop computers must be removed from bags and run separately through the X-ray machine.

- **NOTE:** Metal detectors and X-ray machines emit electromagnetic energy, which is not magnetic, and *does not* damage or destroy electrical equipment or magnetic sensitive data.
- **NOTE:** Medical and recreational marijuana is **NOT** allowed in Multnomah County Court Facilities per Multnomah County Executive Rule No. 356, and ORS Chapter 475.

Firearms, electronic stun devices, alcoholic beverages, pepper spray, CO<sub>2</sub> canisters, multi-tools, straight knitting needles, and other pointed or sharp items such as scissors and knives, are **NOT** allowed into the Courthouse. Unfortunately, we are not able to hold any prohibited items, so please be sure to leave them at home. You may bring fixed circular knitting needles and crochet hooks.

The Courthouse opens to the public at 7:30 a.m. The public entrance is located on the corner of SW 1<sup>ST</sup> Avenue and Madison Street.

Any time you leave the Courthouse and re-enter, you will be required to go through the full security screening process. Please keep in mind, any items that set off the metal detectors previously will likely set them off again. To expedite your screening process, please have those items removed and ready to send through the X-ray machine.

Everyone's safety is our top priority, so if you see something that concerns you, please say something. Report suspicious activity to any court employee or uniformed officer immediately.

If you have any questions regarding the Courthouse security screening process, please feel free to stop by the Security Information Desk located on the first floor.

Thank you,

Chris Austin  
Facility Security Unit Manager  
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office