



COLLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Courthouse Prohibited Items / Security Policy

Collin County Sheriff's Office – Courthouse Security Division



All visitors to the Collin County Courthouse are subject to security screening before entry. Please plan to arrive early to allow time for this process, especially if you have a scheduled appointment or court appearance. Visitors must secure any prohibited items outside the facility prior to entry. Security personnel will not hold items at the entrance, and unattended property is not permitted.

To maintain safety, order, and integrity in courthouse proceedings, certain items are restricted from being brought into the building. Below is a detailed list of prohibited items, as referenced by posted signage. Security personnel may also restrict other items if they are determined to compromise courthouse security or proceedings.

Prohibited Items

The following items are strictly prohibited inside the courthouse. This list is not exhaustive, and security personnel may restrict additional items at their discretion.

Weapons and Ammunition

- Firearms (handgun, rifle, shotgun)
- Ammunition (all types)
- Loaded or unloaded magazines
- Air guns/rifles (BB, pellet, paintball)
- Shell casings (empty)
- Tasers and stun guns
- Brass knuckles
- Realistic replica or toy firearm

Tools & Utility Items

- Multi-tools
- Screwdrivers, pliers, hammers
- Nails, screws
- P38 / P51 can openers
- Batons, clubs
- Cigar cutters
- Wine openers/corkscrews
- Handcuff keys (restricted security item)

Electronic & Surveillance Devices

- Digital or video cameras
- Audio recording devices
- Smart glasses or wearable devices with recording
- Laser pointers, including PowerPoint clickers

Other Items

- Any item that could compromise courthouse security or courtroom proceedings.

Bladed or Sharp Weapons

- Knives (all types, including key and card knives)
- Letter openers
- Razor knives (box cutters, sheet rock cutters)
- Razors and razor blades
- Scissors
- Fish hooks
- Seatbelt cutters
- Self-defense or keychain weapons

Personal & Household Items

- Needles, syringes (non-medical)
- Manicure tools
- Sewing needles, knitting needles
- Metal forks, spoons
- Glass or metal containers
- Metal or glass water bottles (Yeti, Stanley, etc.)

Flammables & Chemical Irritants

- Lighters, torch lighters
- Matches
- Mace/pepper spray
- Aerosol sprays (any type)
- Vapes, e-cigarettes

Legal Notice: Prohibited items/contraband consist of those items that an individual may legally possess but are prohibited from being brought into a courthouse. If a visitor is found in possession of items that constitute a criminal violation, the items will be seized and the visitor may be taken into custody or issued a criminal citation, depending on the circumstances.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and secure courthouse environment.