

## Security in the Courthouse

All visitors to the United States District Courthouse in the District of Utah are required to have a government issued photo identification for entrance at the front door of the building. All visitors will be screened for security purposes. Briefcases, purses, packages, and similar items will be x-rayed. No weapons of any kind are allowed in the courthouse.

## Electronic Devices in the Courthouse

### Permitted Electronic Devices

Persons are allowed to carry into the courthouse electronic devices such as cellular phones, laptops, tablets, and other devices having wireless communications capability, subject to the following:

**Use of Electronic Devices.** Use of Electronic Devices in the courthouse is subject to [DUCivR-83-3](#) (which defines many prohibited activities including photography, broadcasting, televising, and recording) and these provisions.

**1. Use Outside Courtrooms.** Persons may use such devices in the public areas of the courthouse outside of the courtrooms, unless requested not to by District Court personnel for security, privacy or safety reasons

### 2. Use Inside Courtrooms.

- a. **Attorneys and Staff.** Attorneys with an authorized bar card or pro hac vice order, or their staffs, may use such devices in courtrooms subject to the following restrictions:
  - i. Such devices are to be used strictly for court business.
  - ii. Such devices are not to be used to transmit or record audio or video accounts of court proceedings.
  - iii. Only silent keyboards may be used in the courtrooms.
  - iv. Telephone ring tones and other functional sounds produced by devices must be disabled while in the courtroom.
  - v. Such devices are not to be used for personal purposes in the courtroom.
  - vi. The user must sit in counsel or designated areas reserved for those using electronic devices
- b. **Other Persons.** No other persons may use such devices in the courtrooms. Other persons may bring these devices into the courtroom but they must be powered off.
- c. **Exceptions.** This policy may be modified in any proceeding by the judge presiding in the courtroom. For example, the presence or use of such devices in the courtrooms may be prohibited or permitted by the presiding judge when the person has written authorization from the presiding judge.

**Cameras, Photography and Audio and Video Recordings**

Cameras and photography are prohibited in the courthouse except on ceremonial occasions designated by a judge or clerk of court. This prohibition extends to the entire interior of the courthouse

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