

Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District
Security Screening Procedures

While the court is in session, please be silent. Only counsel may address the court. A court session begins when the justices enter and take their seats and a court official announces that court is in session.

Thank you for attending this session of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District. As always, every person will be screened prior to entering the courtroom. This process includes walking through a magnetic metal detector and/or manual screening through a magnetic hand-held metal detector. Any personal item you carry into the courtroom (bags, purses, wallets) will be hand searched. In order to expedite your entrance into the courtroom, we request the following:

1. **No electronic devices of ANY KIND are allowed in the courtroom except for medical devices.** These items may be checked at security prior to entry.
2. **Please do not bring any backpacks or large bags to the session.** If you are planning to take notes, it is recommended that you bring **only** a notepad and a pencil or pen.
3. **Any items that would be construed as a weapon will not be allowed on court premises.** This includes but is not limited to pocket knives, letter openers, mace or pepper spray, or any other item that can be used as a weapon. California Penal Code, Section 171b, subdivision (a).
4. Depending on the weather, it is recommended that you refrain from wearing large coats or layered clothing to the session. Each item of clothing will have to be searched prior to entering the courtroom and we want to ensure your entry is as quick as possible.
5. **No food or drinks** are allowed in the courtroom.
6. No animals are allowed in court except for approved service animals.
7. **Remove any metal on your person** and have them in your hand prior to walking through the metal detector. (i.e. keys (without the car openers), change, etc.)
8. Appropriate Clothing is required: no tank tops, shorts, sunglasses, shirts with inappropriate graphics or hats may be worn during the court session. Pants may not be worn so low that undergarments are visible.
9. No items may be brought into the courtroom that security determines may interfere with court proceedings.
10. Maintain a respectful attitude at all times in the courtroom and the building.