

	SECURITY POLICY FOR COURT FACILITIES	LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER C03 2026-06J P82 2026-01J RESCINDS: C03 2025-03J P82 2025-01J
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2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 711, Detroit, MI 48226

Court Telephone No.
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This Order rescinds and replaces Third Circuit Court Local Administrative Order C03 2025-03J and Wayne County Probate Court Local Administrative Order 2025-01J.

This administrative order is issued in accordance with Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2001-1. The purpose of this order is to address the presence of weapons in court facilities.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. No weapons are allowed in Third Circuit or Wayne County Probate Court courthouses, including but not limited to, the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (2 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan), the Criminal Justice Center (5301 Russell Street, Detroit, Michigan), the Lincoln Hall of Justice (1025 E. Forest Avenue, Detroit, Michigan), and that part of the Penobscot Building (645 Griswold, Detroit, Michigan) that houses the Friend of the Court, and also any court satellite office.
 - a. This prohibition does not apply to Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies, Michigan State Police Troopers, or Detroit Police Officers in the performance of their officially assigned, or exigent, duties conducting safety and security law enforcement functions. This prohibition also does not apply to other law enforcement officers appearing for court in the performance of their official duties only, such as testifying in a Court proceeding arising from their duties as a police officer. All such officers shall report to the Wayne County Sheriff's office in each building prior to proceeding to the assigned Courtroom. Identification and documentation related to the officer's court appearance or official duties on that day shall be required.
 - b. The prohibition on weapons in the Wayne County Courthouses shall apply to law enforcement officers appearing in Wayne Circuit Courthouses for all other business except as specified in subparagraph (a) above. For example, a law enforcement officer testifying, participating, witnessing, filing or appearing in a personal criminal, family, civil or juvenile matter shall not be permitted to bring a weapon into the Courthouse.
 - c. Local Court Rule 8.115 of the Third Circuit Court (Courthouse Decorum) prohibits the taking of photographs and making of recordings. Officers appearing for court in performance of their official duties may wear their uniforms that are equipped with body cameras in these courthouses. However, officers may not record any activities in courthouse and courtroom absent express permission of the court, except if an officer witnesses and intervenes in the commission of an assaultive crime.
 - d. Officers appearing at any Third Circuit or Wayne County Probate Court courthouse, including those listed in this section, on any personal matter may not carry a weapon or

wear their uniform in these courthouses. The Chief Judge of the Third Circuit or Wayne County Probate Court may authorize an exception in extraordinary circumstances.

- e. This prohibition also does not apply to those explicitly authorized by the Chief Judge to carry weapons into the courthouse. A list of those authorized will be provided to security personnel at all courthouse locations.
2. Except as provided in section 1, all persons and their belongings and all parcels are subject to screening by the Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies or other designated security personnel, for the purposes of preventing weapons and other prohibited or restricted items from entering the courthouse.
- a. If at any time there is an articulable and reasonable suspicion that a weapon may be found, a person or object is subject to search. The search shall be no more intrusive than necessary to protect against the dangers presented.
3. Notice shall be posted as follows:

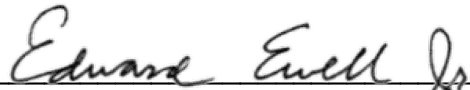
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All persons and parcels are subject to a search for weapons and restricted items as a condition of entry. Persons in violation of this order may be held in contempt of court."

4. Persons in violation of this order may be held in contempt of court.

3/3/2026

Date:



Hon. Edward Ewell, Jr., Chief Judge
Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan

3/3/2026

Date:



Hon. David Braxton, Chief Judge
Wayne County Probate Court

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Rescinds C03 2025-03J/P82 2025-01J

This is to advise that we have reviewed the above referenced administrative order and find that it conforms to the requirements of MCR 8.112(B). This order is being accepted and filed until advised by your court of any change.

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