

COURTHOUSE RULES

Notice to Clients - If your case brings you to the courthouse, you will go through a metal detector and <u>you will</u> <u>be subject to search</u>.

Do not bring a **cell phone** with a **built-in camera**. They won't let you bring it in, and they won't hold it for you.

Don't bring in anything that might be construed to be a weapon, including any kind of a knife or blade. Note: Any heavy metal, including belt buckles, will set off the alarm. You then have to take them off.

Hats cannot be worn in the building, and you can be refused entry if you are wearing gang colors.

A word to the wise

While you are in the courthouse, remember that everything you do and say may be observed by a judge, a juror, or a security camera. This is true not only in the courtroom, but also in the halls, in the elevator, and in the bathrooms. If you do or say something that might create a bad impression of you in the mind of a judge, juror, prosecutor, bailiff, attorney, or court personnel, you could be hurting your case.

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Courthouse Information: (from the Will County website as of 10/2008)

Normal operating hours at the Will County Courthouse are 8:30—4:30 Monday—Friday. The courthouse may only be entered through the Northeast and Southeast only. Items that may not be brought into the courthouse include (but are not limited to) the following:

Weapons (or any item that may be used as a weapon in the opinion of Court Security Officers)

Recording devices

Cameras (without the permission of the Chief Judge)

Scissors

Pepper sprays or Mace

Food or beverages

Pursuant to Administrative Order 95-47, the amendment to modified amended Administrative Order 93-6 of the Circuit Court of Will County, the following rules shall apply within the courtrooms, hallways, stairwells and other public areas of the courthouse:

No wearing of stocking caps or hats having bills, beaks or visors in the courthouse.

No use of profanities.

No display, demonstration, publication and / or throwing of gang signs.

No fighting.

No obstructing the movement of any person within the courthouse.

No wearing of chain belts, and metal belts resembling weapons and ammunition.