



Chambers County Sheriff's Office

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WARNING!!

The Chambers County Courthouse has a security system consisting of metal detectors, CCTV cameras, and x-ray machines. Anything considered being a weapon or that is deemed unacceptable by the security officers will be confiscated and/or dealt with appropriately. All visitors and employees are encouraged to report suspicious activity/suspicious person to the Chambers County Sheriff's Office and/or security officers.

Attempting to bring these items into this building may result in your arrest, a citation being issued, or other criminal charges being filed against you.

This list is not all-inclusive list and is a guideline as many other items may be used as potential weapons:

Pocket Knives over 3" in total folded length

- Alcohol CO₂ Canisters Letter Openers Stakes
- Ammunition Corkscrews Lock Picks Sterno
- Baseball Bats Daggers Mace Straight Razors
- Batons Darts Martial Arts Devices Stun Guns
- Bicycle Chains Firearms Meat Cleavers Swords
- Brass Knuckles Fireworks Motorcycle Chains Syringes (non-medical)
- Black Jacks Flammable Liquid Ninja Pins Tear Gas
- Bolts Glass Containers Plastic Knuckles Thermo Point
- Box Cutters Gun Lighters Railroad Spikes Throwing Stars
- Bullets Handcuffs Razors Tools
- Bullet Clips Horseshoes Razor Blades Toy Guns
- Butterfly Knives Ice Picks Scissors, Large
- Chains Laser Pointers Spikes
- Clubs Leatherman's Spurs

Courthouse Security Procedures

The **PUBLIC ENTRANCE** will be located on the **SOUTH SIDE** ground floor of the courthouse. The **EXIT** will be located on the **WEST SIDE OF THE GROUND FLOOR.**

All persons entering the courthouse through the front door and will go through the security screening process.

Items such as illegal narcotics, firearms, knives, scissors, carpet or box cutters, letter openers or other edged weapons are considered contraband. When individuals are found with contraband, which constitutes a criminal violation, the items shall be seized and the person taken into custody or issued a criminal citation, depending on the circumstances.

Individuals found with items that would otherwise be legal to carry, such as pocketknives (over 3" in total folded length), or pepper spray, will be advised that they must take these items back to their vehicles. THE DEPUTY "WILL NOT STORE ITEMS FOR THE INDIVIDUALS NOR ACCEPT THEM AS DISCARDED PROPERTY."



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1. Individuals entering the courthouse will be screened by use of walk-through magnetometers and/or hand-held magnetometers.
2. Individuals who bring items into the courthouse for court purposes must check in at the screening station on the first floor main entrance where the items will be checked and screened by security personnel.
3. The X-ray machine will scan items as listed in procedures.
4. Individuals shall place all items on the X-ray conveyor belt and empty all pockets into a tray before entering the walk-through magnetometer. A positive indication by the magnetometer will require a second walk-through by the individual.
5. A second positive indication by the walk-through magnetometer will require a search using the hand magnetometer to locate the source of the positive indication. The security officer may take the person to the side and pat down the individual if it is determined that some suspected object is causing the positive indication and there is reasonable suspicion that the individual has an object that poses a security risk.
6. Suspicious images observed in packages or handbags shall be closely examined by having the owner open the package for inspection.

Ensuring the safety and security of all people who utilize the Chambers County Courthouse facility is a top priority of the Chambers County Sheriff's Office.

Please direct any questions regarding these procedures to Chambers County Sheriff's Office, Courthouse Security Division at (409) 267-2500