

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE ELKHART SUPERIOR COURT
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COUNTY OF ELKHART) CAUSE NO. 20D06-2509-CB-000044

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES)
FOR VISITORS TO THE ELKHART COUNTY COURTHOUSE)

This General Order establishes the security procedures that apply to all people entering the Elkhart County Courthouse, 1905 Reliance Road, Goshen Indiana.

A. Cameras, Recording Devices and Electronic Devices

1. All cameras, recording devices, cellular telephones, smart phones, tablets computers, laptop computers, smart watches and similar electronic devices (collectively, “electronic devices”) shall be subject to inspection upon entry at all designated court security checkpoints.
2. Unless previously authorized, all visitors shall refrain from bringing electronic devices inside the courthouse. If an electronic device is placed in a public area on the courthouse premises, it will be subject to confiscation.
3. In the event that a visitor does not have a secure place to store electronic devices, electronic devices, or any other item with recording ability, may be brought into the courthouse under the following procedure. Any electronic device brought inside the courthouse shall be turned off in the presence of court security officers and placed in a locked pouch provided by court security. The electronic device(s) will remain in the locked pouch while the visitor is inside the courthouse.
4. Devices in a locked pouch shall remain in the possession of the visitor while inside the courthouse. The locked pouch may not be opened, damaged, or tampered with while in the visitor’s possession, and must be returned to the court security officers before leaving the courthouse, at which point the pouch will be unlocked and the personal device will be removed from the pouch and returned to the visitor.
5. Intentional damage, attempted damage, theft, or attempted theft of the locked pouch may subject the visitor to criminal penalties, including but not limited to fines and imprisonment.
6. Only the following people shall be exempt from placing their electronic devices in a locked pouch or receptacle. The following exempt individuals are not permitted to carry another individual’s electronic device into the Courthouse, without placing it in a locked pouch.

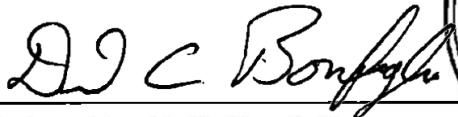
- a. All Elkhart County Judiciary staff and other Elkhart County employees on official business with valid court-issued identification.
- b. All attorneys with a current bar identification card from any jurisdiction but only while at the courthouse on official business.
- c. Law enforcement officials on official business with valid identification or badge.
- d. Employees of delivery services or courier services and law firm couriers who frequent the courthouse, when on official business and carrying valid identification or documents.
- e. Individuals with implanted biometric sensors that send medical alerts to their electronic device (Example: diabetic blood sugar testing).
- f. Students or invitees of pre-arranged training classes, meetings, or activities that have been sponsored by a court or agency occupying the facility.
- g. Non-Judiciary or County employees on official business who present a valid agency identification card.

B. Violation of the Policy

1. Any person who violates these rules is subject to having his or her device confiscated and may be removed from the courtroom or courthouse.

Trial 81 (A) is acknowledged, and local court rules will be amended to reflect these policies.

So Ordered this 4th day of September, 2025



Judge, David C. Bonfiglio
Elkhart County Administrative Judge

