

## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COURT TOURS**

Welcome to the Third Branch of your government! We are pleased you will see the justice system in action.

The courthouse(s) you will be touring are in full operation. These tours are, understandably, disruptive for people who have business at the courthouse and for our staff. Please be respectful of court customers and employees during your tour. Please dress neatly. Please turn off your cell phone and talk quietly while inside the courthouse. You are not allowed to talk during court hearings.

Visitors must go through security screening every time they enter a court building. The court does not allow any weapons. You also cannot bring sharp objects like fingernail files, tweezers, knitting or crochet needles, razor blades, or knives of any length.

To go through court security, you must:

- Empty your pockets and remove your belt;
- Place purses, backpacks or other items in the x-ray bins; and,
- Go through the metal detectors.

Do not:

- Eat, drink, or chew gum in the courtroom.
- Take photographs or make any recordings.
- Talk or disrupt any court proceeding.
- Disturb court employees or court customers.
- Enter any courtroom or other areas without permission from the court tour guide.

The court tour guide will explain and enforce this Code of Conduct.