

**JACKSON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
JACKSON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
12TH DISTRICT COURT**

312 South Jackson Street
Jackson, Michigan 49201

**Administrative Order 2001-3J (4th Circuit Court)
Administrative Order 2001-2J (12th District Court)
Administrative Order 2001-1J (Jackson Probate Court)**

Authority for this Order: Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 2001-1
Effective Date of this Order: April 1, 2001
Previous Local Administrative Orders Related to this Order: None
Rationale and Purpose for this Order: To address the presence of weapons.

IT IS ORDERED:

No weapons are allowed in the Jackson County Courthouse, the Jackson County Friend of the Court's office, or the Jackson County Youth Home.

This prohibition does not apply to court security personnel in the performance of their official duties or to law enforcement officers who are transporting prisoners. The Chief Judges may authorize additional exceptions in extraordinary circumstances.

All persons and their belongings (unless specifically excepted) and all parcels are subject to screening by security personnel, court officers, or Sheriff's deputies for the purpose of keeping weapons from entering the buildings. 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 present.

A notice shall be posted at each building entrance which states:

No weapons are allowed in this building. Anyone entering this court facility is subject to screening and search for weapons. Any item which is considered a weapon by the court staff or its agents, shall not be allowed in the building. Violation of this policy may subject the violator to prosecution or being held in contempt of court punishable by a fine of up to \$250 or up to 30 days in jail.

Uniformed police officers, uniformed Department of Corrections personnel escorting prisoners, on-duty plainclothes officers with proper identification, and authorized court staff may possess weapons in accordance with the County's security policy. Any other exceptions must be in writing signed by the Chief Circuit, Probate, or District Judge.

The purpose of this order is to increase the security for employees and users of this court facility.

Dated: April 26, 2001