



PIMA COUNTY JUVENILE COURTHOUSE - GUIDELINES FOR A SUCCESSFUL VISIT

- **Introduction**

- Most Juvenile Court hearings are closed to the public. To request a chaperoned visit for your class or civic group, please contact the court's Community Relations Coordinator at communityrelations@sc.pima.gov, or 520.724.4264.

- **Security**

- All visitors and their belongings must clear security scanners upon arrival. Secondary screening may be necessary.
- Weapons, or anything that could be used as a weapon, will be confiscated and not returned.
- No aerosols or flammable liquids are permitted.
- Closed containers will be opened for inspection.
- Firearms are not permitted in the courthouse. They must be stored in a secured locker at the entrance, and retrieved upon departure.
- **Detention Facility Visits: purses, backpacks and briefcases, mobile phones, water bottles, computers/tablets, audio/video recording devices, notebooks and writing implements are not permitted during tours and should be left behind/locked in the trunk of your vehicle. The less you are carrying, the better.**
- Medical marijuana is not allowed in or around the courthouse.

- **Food/Beverages**

- Drinking water only is allowed in plastic or stainless-steel containers, no glass please.
- Food is not allowed in the courtrooms.

- **Dress Code**

- Appropriate dress is appreciated.
- Not advisable: Pajama bottoms, shorts, miniskirts, tank tops, halter or midriff-baring tops, spaghetti-strap camisoles, T-shirts with sayings or images that might be considered offensive, rubber soled flip-flops.
- Hats and sunglasses must be removed while in the courtroom.

- **Electronic Devices**

- Mobile phones, iPods, computers and tablets may be used in the public areas of the courthouse but must be turned off in the courtroom and are not permitted in the detention facility.
- Posting to social media sites from the courtroom is not permitted.
- Audio and/or video recording and photography are never permitted in the courthouse/courtroom without prior judicial authorization, which is only infrequently granted. Questions regarding this policy should be directed to communityrelations@sc.pima.gov.

- **Decorum**

- Please stand when the judge enters or leave the courtroom.
- While observing hearings, kindly refrain from making facial or hand gestures, loud comments, or remarks designed to persuade or influence any party.
- Please do not communicate with the judge, court staff, attorneys or the parties during a hearing.

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