

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York

Courthouse Visitor's Policy

With limited exceptions, most federal civil and criminal court proceedings are available for public viewing. The daily and weekly court schedules are published on the Court's website.

While attending court, all visitors must adhere to the following rules:

- No food, beverages, or chewing gum are permitted inside the courtroom.
- Electronic devices such as cell phones, laptop computers, cameras, audio recorders, etc., are not allowed in the courthouse without a court order. All devices will be checked and stored at the security screening in the courthouse lobby. For school visits, please plan to leave these items at school or on the bus. Note: Please see [General Order #26](#) for additional information regarding electronic devices in the courthouse.
- Appropriate attire is expected when present in a courtroom. Hats and sunglasses, unless for religious or medical reasons, should be removed before entering the courtroom.
- Weapons of any kind, including but not limited to firearms, knives, and pocket knives are not permitted.
- All individuals entering the building are required to proceed through a metal detector and have any bags or personal items screened through an x-ray machine. It is recommended to leave large bags or backpacks behind if visiting with a school or large group.