

Building Rules and Dress Code for The Sumner County Tennessee Courthouse

1. **NO Firearms** are allowed in the court building per T.C.A. § 39-17-1359.
2. **NO Weapons** of any kind, to include but not limited to, knives of any size, chemical spray, brass knuckles, tasers, or any other item that is perceived to be a weapon.
3. **NO Bags, purses, pocketbooks, backpacks, briefcases, or duffle bags** allowed in the court building. The following are exceptions to this rule:
 - Small, single compartment clutches no larger than 5 x 8 inches (can have straps or handle)
 - Diaper bags for guests accompanied by infant(s) and/or toddler(s)
 - Medical bags no larger than what is required to transport necessary medical equipment
 - Breast pumps for nursing mothers and other bags required for guests with ADA needs
4. **NO Food, drink, gum or candy** of any kind allowed in the courtroom.
5. **NO Shorts** above the knee, sagging pants, short skirts or short dresses.
6. **NO Tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, midriff tops.** No articles of clothing with obscene, profane, or inappropriate images and messages.
7. **NO Hats or headwear** of any kind. (except religious coverings)

Officers of the court/Sumner County Sheriff's Office Deputies are allowed to use reasonable discretion in regards to the rules listed above. Approved agencies (with proper ID), attorneys (with proper ID), and all court staff are excluded.

All persons entering the court building are subject to search by SCSO Security personnel.