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## **SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT TO INTRODUCE ENHANCED SECURITY SCREENING MEASURES TO THE JOSHUA TREE COURT DISTRICT**

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As part of a system wide court security improvement plan, the San Bernardino Superior Court will introduce enhanced security procedures requiring all visitors (including private attorneys) to submit to lobby weapons screening when entering the Joshua Tree Courthouse effective June 1, 2018.

This enhanced weapons screening mirrors protocols currently in place at the San Bernardino Justice Center (SBJC), Historic, Child Support, Rancho Cucamonga, and Barstow courthouses. Eventually, such screening methods will be implemented throughout the rest of the courthouses in the county.

All visitors entering the Joshua Tree District will be required to go through lobby screening, which will entail passing through a metal detector and submitting all loose items, such as handbags, briefcases, wallets, watches, keys, packages, phones, and other personal electronic devices, for x-ray screening and inspection by security personnel. Visitors may be asked to undergo secondary screening if they activate metal detectors. For a list of items which are prohibited in all Court facilities, please visit the Court's website [here](#).

The Court developed these revised security screening procedures in consultation with law enforcement agencies, security experts, and other state and federal Courts. These carefully considered procedures reflect best practices used at courthouses throughout California.

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