

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

**RE: IDAHO SUPREME COURT
BUILDING AND GROUNDS
SECURITY**

ORDER

The Idaho Supreme Court possesses inherent constitutional power and authority to regulate security within court facilities in order to fulfill its constitutional function of administering and supervising the state judicial system. In addition, Idaho Code section 67-5709(2)(a) authorizes the Idaho Supreme Court (ISC) to regulate activities and uses at the Idaho State Supreme Court Building (ISC Building) and the Idaho Supreme Court Grounds (ISC Grounds).

The ISC finds that maintaining a high level of safety in and around the ISC Building, located at 451 W. State Street in Boise, Idaho, promotes the efficient and safe operation of public business and is in the best interests of the public, judicial officials, and court personnel. The ISC further finds that reasonable public access to the ISC Building and ISC Grounds is an important public interest and seeks to ensure that access in a manner consistent with the safety and security needs of the facility.

In 2016, the ISC ordered that the Administrative Director of the Courts (ADOC) shall have primary responsibility for court security. The ISC employs additional personnel assigned to security duties under it and the ADOC, including a Court Security Director (CSD). Subject to the ADOC's direction, the CSD is responsible for coordinating and enhancing safety and security for all court facilities in Idaho including the ISC Building and ISC Grounds, the Court of Appeals, and the trial courts. This includes serving as a liaison with the Idaho Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, the Department of Administration, Idaho State Police, as well as local and federal law enforcement agencies. The CSD is the ISC's designated point of contact for all Judicial Branch security purposes.

The Court recognizes the complementary roles and responsibilities of the various law enforcement and security agencies that contribute to the safe operation of the Judicial Branch. Idaho Code section 67-1605 assigns responsibility for law enforcement at the ISC Building with the Director of the Idaho State Police. In addition, Idaho Code section 67-2901 provides that the Idaho State Police shall provide security and protection for the ISC and the Idaho Court of Appeals while they are in session and at their place of work, as deemed necessary by the Chief Justice and Director of the Idaho State Police.

To fulfill these responsibilities, the Idaho State Police has assigned troopers to the ISC to provide security services. Court facilities throughout Idaho also rely on local sheriffs' offices and other law enforcement partners to support courthouse security.

1. Definitions. For purposes of this order:
 - a. "ISC Grounds" includes all property and features surrounding the ISC Building. The ISC Grounds encompass the area bounded by State Street, Fifth Street, Jefferson Street and Fourth Street in Boise, Idaho. This includes exterior areas such as walkways, steps, courtyards, plazas, parking lots, lawns, landscaped areas and sanitation or recycling receptacles.
 - b. Idaho Supreme Court Security Personnel (ISC Security Personnel) means:
 - i. Idaho State Police troopers assigned to provide security services at the ISC Building, ISC Grounds, or to provide executive protection; or
 - ii. ISC employed security personnel, including the CSD.
2. All use of the ISC Building and ISC Grounds must comply with applicable law including fire, health, and safety codes.
3. Members of the public may not affix any poster, placard, banner, sign, display, or other printed material to any surface of the ISC Building or ISC Grounds including any exhibit or commemorative installation, post, railing, fence or landscaping, including trees. All posters, placards, banners, signs, and displays must be free-standing or supported by an individual. No item may be leaned or propped against any surface of the ISC Building or ISC Grounds. No item may be embedded into the ISC Grounds including by placing a stake, post, rod or similar object into the ground. ISC Security Personnel, or other designated ISC personnel, may remove any poster, placard, banner, sign, display, or other material that violates this order.
4. ISC Security Personnel shall follow the policies and directives of the ISC and instructions from the ADOC or CSD. Consistent with their respective authority and responsibilities, ISC Security Personnel shall:
 - a. screen all persons entering the ISC Building's first floor lobby, subject to paragraph 8;
 - b. respond to requests for security assistance within the ISC Building or on the ISC Grounds;
 - c. provide security for a justice or judge when requested;
 - d. conduct routine patrols of the ISC Building and ISC Grounds;
 - e. seize or confiscate prohibited items found within the ISC Building or on the ISC Grounds;
 - f. monitor ISC Building surveillance systems and security cameras;
 - g. arrest any person with an outstanding arrest warrant in accordance with Idaho law; or
 - h. escort from the premises any person who engages in loud or disruptive conduct within the ISC Building.
5. An ISC Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, or the ADOC may request that law enforcement remove or exclude any person from the ISC Building or ISC Grounds who:
 - a. has been notified they are trespassing and fails or refuses to leave the premises;
 - b. violates any law that interferes with a court proceeding or court business, injures persons or property, or is likely to injure persons or property;
 - c. refuses to comply with this Order or any other lawful directive issued by a justice, judge, the ADOC or ISC Security Personnel acting within their authority;

- d. participates in a riot, unlawful assembly or other gathering that disrupts or impedes court proceedings or court business; or
 - e. interferes with access to the ISC Building or ISC Grounds by violating a fire, health or safety code (e.g. blocking fire hydrants, fire or emergency vehicle lanes, vehicular drives, pedestrian walkways, doorways, steps, or other access routes).
6. ISC employees with an assigned office, workspace or work responsibilities within the ISC Building may use designated employee entrances. ISC Justices, Idaho Court of Appeals Judges, and the ADOC may escort non-employees through employee entrances. For purposes of this Order, "employee entrances" means all ISC Building entrances other than the entrance that provides direct access to the first-floor lobby.
7. Persons not authorized to use an employee entrance must enter the ISC Building through the first-floor lobby and must be screened for prohibited items unless the person:
- a. is ISC Security Personnel, including the CSD;
 - b. is a commissioned Idaho State Police officer, Boise Police Department officer, or Ada County Sheriff's Officer in possession of a badge and commission identification;
 - c. is personally escorted by an ISC Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, or the ADOC;
 - d. is a senior justice, senior Court of Appeals judge, or judge that is scheduled to hear cases or conference with the ISC or Idaho Court of Appeals on that day; or
 - e. is authorized by the Chief Justice to enter without screening.
8. To promote security and public safety, ISC Security Personnel shall inspect packages, backpacks, coats, purses, bags, briefcases, and other items capable of concealing prohibited or controlled items in the possession of any person entering the ISC Building through the first-floor lobby and subject to screening.
9. Except as provided in paragraphs 10 or 11, any items listed in Attachment A may be confiscated by ISC Security Personnel and may provide the basis for denying the person carrying the item into the ISC Building.
10. ISC Security Personnel may permit a person to carry an item from Attachment A into the ISC Building if the person is acting within the scope of their official duties and presents verified credentials that they are:
- a. ISC Security Personnel;
 - b. Idaho State Police troopers not assigned to provide security services at the ISC;
 - c. Boise City Police;
 - d. Ada County Sheriff's Office officers;
 - e. POST-certified law enforcement officers;
 - f. federal law enforcement officers; or
 - g. Other persons specifically authorized by the Chief Justice or ADOC.
11. ISC Security Personnel may permit the storage of firearms in a secure locker located within the ISC Building. Use of the locker shall be subject to the direction and control of ISC Security Personnel. The following persons may use the locker:

- a. ISC Security Personnel;
- b. law enforcement;
- c. justices;
- d. judges;
- e. legislators; or
- f. other persons specifically authorized by the Chief Justice or ADOC.

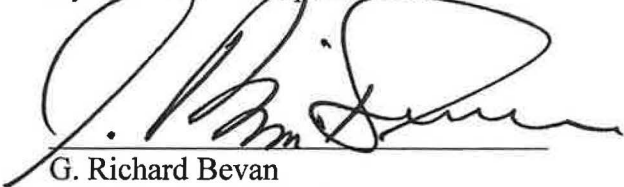
12. ISC Security Personnel may permit court personnel or other persons to carry or use Controlled Items, as defined in Attachment B, within the ISC Building when such items are necessary for a project or activity approved by the Chief Justice, ADOC, or the ISC Building Maintenance Supervisor.

13. In event of a fire, bomb threat, utility malfunction, structural failure or other emergency or threat endangering public safety, health, or public property, ISC Security Personnel, any Justice or the ADOC may direct any person to immediately vacate the ISC Building or ISC Grounds until the emergency or threat is abated.

IT IS SO ORDERED

DATED this 1st day of July, 2026.

By Order of the Supreme Court



G. Richard Bevan
Chief Justice, Idaho Supreme Court

ATTEST:



Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

I, Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk of the Supreme Court/
Court of Appeals of the State of Idaho, do hereby
Certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the
ORDER entered in the above entitled
cause and now on record in my office. WITNESS my
hand and the Seal of this Court 7-8-2026
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

By Denore Price Deputy

ATTACHMENT A - PROHIBITED ITEMS

Firearms and Dangerous Weapons. Prohibited items includes, but is not limited to:

1. Firearms & Projectile Weapons:

- a. Firearms or similar devices that expel a projectile by means of an explosive;
- b. BB guns, pellet guns and compressed air guns;
- c. Antique firearms;
- d. Flare guns;
- e. Realistic replica or toy firearms;
- f. Spear guns;
- g. Starter pistols;
- h. Stun guns, cattle prods, conducted-energy devices, cattle prods, dart-firing stun guns, and similar electric control weapons;
- i. Ammunition, shotgun shells or firearm cartridges, black powder, and smokeless propellant powder; and
- j. Slingshots.

2. Bladed, Edged, or Sharp Tools or Implements:

- a. Axes and hatchets;
- b. Bows and arrows;
- c. Ice axes and ice picks;
- d. Throwing stars and similar martial arts weapons; and
- e. Knives, sabers, swords, daggers, and other bladed devices.

3. Club-like Items and Striking Devices:

- a. Billy clubs;
- b. Blackjacks;
- c. Brass knuckles;
- d. Chains in excess of 12 inches, except jewelry as approved by ISC Security Personnel;
- e. Night sticks; and
- f. Martial arts weapons, including nunchucks and kubatons and similar devices.

4. Explosives, Destructive Devices and Combustible Materials. The following items are prohibited, including any destructive devices, explosive, chemical compound or mixture capable of combustion, ignition, detonated or rapid oxidation:

- a. Blasting caps or detonators;
- b. Dynamite, nitroglycerin, trinitrotoluene, ammonium nitrate, and similar explosive materials;
- c. Fireworks;
- d. Gunpowder;
- e. Hand grenades, mines, bombs, rockets, missiles, pipe bombs, plastic explosives and similar devices;
- f. Realistic replicas of explosives or destructive devices;
- g. Explosive or expanding gases;

- h. Gas torches; and
- i. Flammable liquids including gasoline, turpentine, and paint thinner.

5. Disabling Chemicals and Other Dangerous Materials:

- a. Mace, pepper spray, bear spray, tear gas, or other chemical agents designed to incapacitate for self-defense;
- b. Spillable batteries, except those installed in wheelchairs or other mobility-assistance devices;
- c. Spray paint; and
- d. Poisonous or toxic gases.

ATTACHMENT B - CONTROLLED ITEMS

Definition of Controlled Items. The definition of Controlled Items includes, but is not limited to:

1. **Tools of the Trade.** Tools of the trade include any item required for a person to do his or her job, such as hand tools for maintenance and construction or a chef's knife for a caterer, etc. A non-exclusive list includes items such as:
 - a. ***Bladed, Edged, or Sharp weapons.***
 - i. Saws, including cordless and portable power saws;
 - ii. Scissors with pointed tips;
 - iii. Screw drivers (except those in eyeglass repair kits);
 - iv. Drills, including portable power drills;
 - v. Wrenches, pliers, and folding multipurpose tools and similar hand tools; and
 - vi. Nail guns and similar fastening tools.
 - b. ***Impact Tools.***
 - i. Hammers,
 - ii. Crowbar, and
 - iii. Ratchets and similar tools.
 - c. ***Flammable or Combustible Materials.***
 - i. Flares;
 - ii. Gasoline, and
 - iii. Aerosol sprays.
 - d. ***Hazardous Materials.***
 - i. Chlorine and bleach;
 - ii. Compressed gas cylinders, including fire extinguishers; and
 - iii. Toxic industrial chemicals or materials.
2. **Sporting Equipment.** Sporting equipment consists of items used in athletic, recreational, or sporting activities, including but not limited to:
 - a. Baseball bats;
 - b. Golf clubs;
 - c. Hockey sticks;
 - d. Lacrosse sticks;
 - e. Pool cues; and
 - f. Ski poles.
3. ***Other Items.*** Any other item that ISC Security Personnel determine may pose a safety or security concern, but which may be permitted in the Building for a legitimate business, maintenance, educational, ceremonial, or operational purpose.