

STATE OF VERMONT
OFFICE OF THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR



AMENDED
Administrative Directive No. PG-8

State Court Administrator

**COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S
CERTIFICATION OF SECURE BUILDINGS**

Pursuant to 29 V.S.A. § 171, the security for courts in State-owned or State-leased buildings is entrusted to the Vermont Supreme Court. Pursuant to 4 V.S.A. § 30(c), the Court Administrator shall provide appropriate security services for each court in the state. Pursuant to 13 V.S.A. § 4016(d), the Court Administrator shall certify buildings to be designated as secure to support the enforcement of 13 V.S.A. § 4016, which prohibits firearms and deadly weapons in court.

I designate any location being used for or during court proceedings as a secure building. Court Security Officers at any time or location can secure a facility for the purpose of court proceedings, including but not limited to the use of metal detection and screening devices.

Persons authorized to possess firearms in a court are Court Security Officers and certified law enforcement officers present in a court in their official capacity.

This authorization includes, but is not limited to, all Superior Court courthouses, regardless of ownership, and any offsite hearings, the Supreme Court facility and its offsite hearings, hearings of the Judicial Bureau and Environmental Division, and offsite mental health hearings.

This amended directive is effective immediately.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2017.



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