

<b>DATE:</b>	MAY 9, 2022
<b>NUMBER:</b>	I.69
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	FACILITY SECURITY - WEAPONS
<b>RELATED SECTIONS:</b>	<a href="#">I.52</a>

**PURPOSE**

To maintain safety and security inside detention facilities by requiring all persons to secure all weapons prior to entering the security area of any detention facility. This includes, but is not limited to, dangerous or deadly weapons.

**POLICY**

All facilities will provide suitable secure lockers for visitors and staff to secure any item designed to be used as a weapon prior to entering the security area of any detention facility.

This policy is not intended to prevent sworn staff assigned to the detention facilities from possessing and using defensive weapons as described and authorized for use in Detentions Services Bureau Policies and Procedures section I.85.

**PROCEDURE**

**I. WEAPONS DEFINED**

- A. An instrument or device of any kind designed to be used for fighting or self defense.
- B. Any instrument or device that has been designed or altered to provide physical control, immobilization, or injury to another person. Handcuffs and detention canines are exempt from this section.

**II. WEAPON SECURITY**

- A. No person shall bring any weapon into the security area of any detention facility without the express approval of the facility commander or designee. Such approval will be determined by factual circumstances of occurrence to protect persons from death or serious bodily injury. This includes, but is not limited to: firearms, ammunition, chemical weapons, mace, nightsticks, wooden clubs, batons, knives (of any size), dirks, daggers, saps, blackjacks, nunchaku, metal knuckles, sap gloves, tear gas, tear gas dispensers, stun guns, judo sticks, kubatons, yawara sticks, or other impact weapons, cords, ropes or lines intended to control incarcerated persons.
  - 1. Violation of this section would be a violation of law, California Penal Code section 4574, and a violation of San Diego Sheriff's Policy and Procedure.
  - 2. This prohibition includes any dangerous weapon, destructive device, deadly weapon or less lethal weapon listed in California Penal Code sections 12000 through 12654.

- B. Watch commanders may approve, on an emergency basis, any departmentally approved weapon, except firearms or chemical agents, inside the security area of any detention facility.
- C. Watch commanders may not approve weapons on a continuing basis for any person or group inside the security area of any facility. Departmentally approved weapons may only be approved on a one-time basis in reaction to a specific incident.
- D. The facility commander or designee must approve the possession or use, of any chemical agents or firearm in a security area of any detention facility.
- E. Handcuffs and handcuff keys will be carried at all times by security personnel. Handcuffs must be carried concealed or in a departmentally approved handcuff case.