



## **SECURITY CHECKS AND PROHIBITED ITEMS**

All visitors attending the hearings at Dorland House must go through security every time they enter the hearing centre.

Please allow extra time to go through security and be aware you may have to queue upon entry.

### **GOING THROUGH SECURITY**

You'll go through a security check, like you would at an airport. This may include:

- Emptying your pockets into a tray
- Taking off your shoes, coat, gloves or hat
- Being asked to take off or open your belt
- Walking through an archway detector
- Being checked by hand or with a handheld scanner

If you're wearing a head covering for religious or cultural reasons, you can ask for it to be checked with a handheld scanner so you do not have to take it off.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

**You cannot take guns, firearms, knives or other weapons into the building** - you will be reported to the police if you try to take a weapon into the hearing centre.

You also cannot take in items that security staff think could be used as a weapon, even if you think these are harmless.

### THESE INCLUDE:

- **Blades** - such as scissors, penknives and razors
- **Other sharp items** - such as knitting needles and darts
- **Glass** - for example bottles, glass frames, perspex
- **Metal cutlery**
- **Syringes** - (unless you have a prescription)
- **Toy guns** - and other things that look like guns
- **Tools** - for example screwdrivers, hammers and nails
- **Ropes and chains**
- **Alcohol** - solvents and other potentially harmful substances
- **All photographic, audio and video recording equipment, whether digital or analogue** - with the exception of mobile phones
- **Liquids that are not drinks or prescription medicine** - such as oils, perfumes, lighter refills, glues, and cleaning products
- **Full-length umbrellas**
- **Crash helmets**

## IF YOU CANNOT TAKE ITEMS IN WITH YOU

Security staff will keep any items you cannot take into the building and give you a receipt that you can use to collect your items when you leave.

## ITEMS YOU CAN TAKE IN TO THE BUILDING

- **Mobile phones** - (which should be switched to silent in the hearing room. Attendees are not permitted to film, take videos or make recordings in the hearing room)
- **Hand sanitiser** - you will be asked to use it in front of security staff to prove it's not harmful. Please note, hand sanitiser stations are situated throughout the hearing centre
- **Drinks** - Unopened drinks in cartons and cans, and drinks in a bottle, flask or cup with a lid - these cannot be made of glass. If your drink is opened, or in a flask or cup, you'll be asked to drink some to prove it's not harmful
- **Medicines** - Prescription medicines, must have the pharmacist label with your name and the date they were issued. Security staff will check the label. They will not record or share the information

Please advise us if you need reasonable adjustments to be taken during security checks when attending the centre and contact us via email at -

[operations.team@covid19.public-inquiry.uk](mailto:operations.team@covid19.public-inquiry.uk)

**References:**

*Going through security at a court or tribunal building -*

<https://www.gov.uk/entering-court-or-tribunal-building>

*Current Prohibited Items Poster -*

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d7tpoLJD018kfXCFSj2K8\\_CWZvhWUpOS/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d7tpoLJD018kfXCFSj2K8_CWZvhWUpOS/edit)