

MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
CUSTODY DIVISION POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

**CHAPTER 8 - SECURITY**  
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**METAL DETECTOR**

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**POLICY**

All visitors requesting to enter the facility must pass through the metal detector to ensure the safety and security of staff, inmates and visitors.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**METAL DETECTOR** - Built-in piece of equipment which detects metal when a person passes through it.

**PAT SEARCH** - A search which involves the patting or rubbing of the visitor's body through their clothing to detect contraband by tactile sensation.

**PROCEDURE**

All visitors will empty their pockets and remove any metal from their clothing. Any illegal items, or items deemed to be a threat to facility security will not be allowed. If illegal items are found an MRD is called and an Incident or Crime report is taken.

The SSA or Deputy directs the visitor through the metal detector. If the alarm sounds, the visitor removes any items they suspect may be causing the alarm. The visitor walks through the detector again. If the alarm continues, the visitor is told they can leave the facility or be searched. If they wish to be searched, an MRD is called to the Lobby.

The MRD uses the hand held metal detector to discover what area or items are causing the alarm to sound. If the MRD finds nothing in the visitor's pockets or on his clothing, the visitor is given the option of being pat searched or leaving the facility.

**RELATED STANDARDS**

Chapter 4, Section 19  
Chapter 4, Section 20

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None

By order of

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BUREAU COMMANDER