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## Status Information

### Currency of version

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### Provisions in force

The provisions displayed in this version of the legislation have all commenced.

### Notes—

- **Does not include amendments by**  
Sec 5A(2) of this regulation (sec 5A(2) repeals sec 5A at the end of 30.11.2025)  
Sec 6A(3) of this regulation (sec 6A(3) repeals sec 6A(2) and (3) on 30.11.2025)
- **Staged repeal status**  
This legislation is currently due to be automatically repealed under the [Subordinate Legislation Act 1989](#) on 1 September 2026

### Authorisation

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## 1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Court Security Regulation 2021*.

## 2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

### Note—

This Regulation repeals and replaces the *Court Security Regulation 2016*, which would otherwise be repealed on 1 September 2021 by the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989*, section 10(2).

## 3 Definition

In this Regulation—

**the Act** means the *Court Security Act 2005*.

### Note—

The Act and the *Interpretation Act 1987* contain definitions and other provisions that affect the interpretation and application of this Regulation.

## 4 Bags and containers for exhibits that are restricted items

For the purposes of the Act, section 8(2)(a)(ii), a bag or container is prescribed if—

- (a) the Sheriff's insignia is printed on the bag or container in a conspicuous position, and
- (b) the bag or container is issued by a security officer.

## 5 Permissible uses of recording devices

For the purposes of the Act, section 9(2)(e), the use of recording devices in the following circumstances is prescribed—

- (a) in the court premises of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal with the approval of the principal registrar of the Tribunal,
- (b) in the court premises of the Local Court with the approval of the relevant registrar of

the Local Court,

- (c) the use of body-worn video by a police officer in court premises in accordance with—
  - (i) the *Surveillance Devices Act 2007*, section 50A, and
  - (ii) a written agreement between the Commissioner of Police and the Sheriff and in consultation with the head of the court concerned, however described.

**5A Use of body-worn recording device by sheriff's officer**

- (1) For the Act, section 9(2)(e), the use of a body-worn recording device by a sheriff's officer is permitted in court premises if—
  - (a) the use of the device is governed by a written agreement between the Sheriff and the head of the court concerned, however described, and
  - (b) the officer is using the device while acting in the execution of the officer's duties, and
  - (c) the device is prominently attached to the officer's uniform, and
  - (d) at least one of the following applies to the use of the device by the officer—
    - (i) before making a recording, the officer made a reasonable attempt to ensure the person likely to be recorded by the device was aware the device was capable of recording images or sound, or both,
    - (ii) in the opinion of the officer, there is a significant risk of harm to the officer or another person,
    - (iii) the recording of images or sound, or both, by the device is inadvertent or unexpected.
- (2) This section is repealed at the end of 30 November 2025.

**6 Permissible transmission of court proceedings**

For the purposes of the Act, section 9A(2)(f), the transmission of sounds, images or information in the following circumstances is prescribed—

- (a) by a journalist for the purposes of a media report on the proceedings concerned,
- (b) by a lawyer,
- (c) by a person who is authorised to do so by or under a practice note or policy direction issued by the senior judicial officer of the court concerned,
- (d) by a court officer or member of staff of the court concerned, including a member of staff of a judicial officer of the court, acting in the usual course of the court officer's or

member's duties.

#### **6A Exemption from restriction on transmission or distribution of court recording**

- (1) For the Act, section 9B(2)(c), the transmission or distribution of a recording of court proceedings is prescribed if—
  - (a) the recording was obtained by a police officer using body-worn video in accordance with section 5(c), and
  - (b) the transmission or distribution is in connection with the exercise of a law enforcement function by a police officer.
- (2) For the Act, section 9B(2)(c), the transmission or distribution of a recording of court proceedings is prescribed if the recording was obtained by a sheriff's officer using a body-worn recording device in accordance with section 5A.
- (3) Subsection (2) and this subsection are repealed on 30 November 2025.

#### **7 Things required to be surrendered for safekeeping**

For the purposes of the Act, section 11(1)(d), the following things and classes of things are prescribed—

- (a) flammable liquids,
- (b) glass containers, including glass bottles,
- (c) sporting equipment that may be used as a weapon, including sporting bats,
- (d) tools that may be used as a weapon, including hammers and screwdrivers,
- (e) personal transport items, including scooters and skateboards,
- (f) spray cans,
- (g) marker pens,
- (h) remotely piloted aircraft within the meaning of the *Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999*, Part 13A.

#### **7A (Repealed)**

#### **8 Form of certificates of identification for security officers**

For the purposes of the Act, section 21(3), the following form is prescribed—

(*Court Security Act 2005*, section 21(3))

I, the Sheriff of New South Wales, certify that the holder of this certificate, [*insert name of security officer*] whose photograph, [*\*name/authority number*] and signature appear

below, is a security officer for the purposes of the *Court Security Act 2005* who is authorised to exercise in court premises the powers of a security officer under that Act.

[affix photograph here]	*Name/Authority number: [insert name or authority number]
	Signature of security officer: [insert signature]
	Signature of Sheriff: [insert signature]

**Note—**

\*Omit either name or authority number, as required.

**9 Repeal and savings**

- (1) The *Court Security Regulation 2016* is repealed.
- (2) Any act, matter or thing that, immediately before the repeal of the *Court Security Regulation 2016*, had effect under that Regulation continues to have effect under this Regulation.

**Schedule 1 Penalty notice offences**

**1 Application of Schedule**

- (1) For the purposes of the Act, section 29—
  - (a) each offence created by a provision specified in this Schedule is an offence for which a penalty notice may be issued, and
  - (b) the amount payable for the penalty notice is the amount specified opposite the provision.
- (2) If the provision is qualified by words that restrict its operation to limited kinds of offences or to offences committed in limited circumstances, the penalty notice may be issued only for—
  - (a) that limited kind of offence, or
  - (b) an offence committed in those limited circumstances.

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>
<b>Provision</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
<b>Offences under the Act</b>	
Section 7A(2)	\$110

Section 10(4)	\$110
Section 11(3)	\$110
Section 15(2)	\$110