3-04/020.15 - Metal Detectors

There are three general types of metal detectors currently in used in Court Services:

The Large Walk-through Metal Detector

Are used in the search screening process persons must submit to before entering a court facility. They can also be used as an extra security measure on special cases.

Hand-held Wands

Hand-held wands may be used in special situations that do not require a complete search screen.

Example: In a preliminary hearing where the prosecutor informs the bailiff that there may be a problem with spectators. The bailiff may clear the courtroom and with assistance of additional personnel use the hand-held wand to search spectators for concealed weapons, i.e., knives, guns etc.

Small Hand Held Metal Detector

May be used on an individual that the bailiff believes may be carrying a concealed weapon. This device is very small and can be used to quickly perform a cursory search.