CSD DIRECTIVE 13-02 SCREENING OF BABY CARRIERS AND STROLLERS

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to provide guidance to Court Services security screening personnel regarding their expected involvement when conducting screening and searches of baby carriers and strollers. The overriding purpose of this directive is to provide for the safety of our personnel and the public.

BACKGROUND

Court Services security officers are trained to screen all baby carriers, strollers, backpacks, and baby slings. Security screening personnel will not ask parents to do anything that will separate them from their child. A parent or guardian cannot leave their child in an infant carrier and attempt to put it through the X-ray machine. The child should be carried past a walk-through metal detector by a parent or guardian. All children's toys, bags, and items, will be screened. All child-related equipment that can fit through the X-ray machine shall be screened.

POLICY

Security screening personnel shall not have any physical contact with the child or attempt to remove the child from the baby carrier or stroller. The screening officer will request the parent to remove the child, collapse or fold strollers, and any other child-related equipment while in the queue. If any equipment will not fit through the X-ray machine, security personnel shall personally inspect it.

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