

# DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS

## STATEWIDE PROPERTY CONTRABAND LIST

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### I. CONTRABAND

- A. "Contraband" means materials, articles, or goods that patients are prohibited from having in their possession because such materials, articles or goods present a risk to safety and security in the facility. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 7295, subd. (i); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 881, subd. (e).)
- B. Items restricted to use only under supervision or control may be considered contraband for the purposes of this list, as they should not be in patient's possession without supervision. All items that are illegal to possess are by default considered to be contraband, whether specifically contained in this list or not. This includes any items prohibited as a condition of parole as it applies to any patient on active parole while housed in a DSH facility.
1. Alarm clocks other than battery operated, made from solid state technology.
  2. Alcoholic beverages, any liquid containing alcohol and/or intoxicants, except those items used under direct staff supervision.
  3. All illegal drugs, including but not limited to: narcotics, marijuana, hallucinogenic and non-prescribed medications.
  4. All smoking and tobacco products, as provided for Welfare and Institutions Code section 4138, including electronic cigarettes commonly referred to as - e-cigarette, electronic vaping device, personal vaporizer (PV), or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS).
  5. Aluminum foil or items made to include foil.
  6. Any item that is being used in an improper manner and / or altered in such a manner as to present a danger to the safety of any patient, staff member, or visitor.
  7. Balloons.
  8. Blank State of California or other hospital related letterhead or stationary.
  9. Cameras.
  10. Chemical dispensing control devices, such as mace, pepper spray, or tear-gas.
  11. Chewing Gum.
  12. Cleaning chemicals, including but not limited to Ammonia, in pure form or any other chemicals not approved by Health and Safety Committee.
  13. Combs and hairbrushes exceeding 7 inches in overall length.
  14. Combustibles, inflammable liquids or explosives and explosive making materials.
  15. Correcting fluid/tape (White-out of any type).
  16. Cosmetic pencils requiring sharpening.
  17. Dental Floss, except under staff supervision.
  18. Detachable external speakers with cords.
  19. Disposable razors.
  20. Drugs, medicated products or dietary supplements not provided, or specifically

approved by the hospital. Drugs or medications prescribed but not consumed at time of issue, unless specifically approved.\*\*May be approved in special circumstances by each facility\*\*

21. Electronics with wireless capabilities, including but not limited to cell phones, PDAs, tablets and videogame systems with Internet capabilities to comply with California Code of Regulations, title 9, section 4350.
22. Escape devices such as lock picks, devices made capable of opening handcuff/restraint and or any metal fashioned into a lock picking device.
23. Fingernail files, metal over 1.5 inches in length with pointed tip.
24. Gang related or gang identifying items, as identified by the Administration of the facility.
25. Glass, including but not limited to glass mirrors, containers and glass fragments including ceramics, except those items used under direct staff supervision.
26. Headphones with metal in headband.
27. Herbal teas not purchased from canteen or exchange.
28. Hypodermic needles.
29. Identification items or financial payment methods, driver's licenses, birth certificate, bonds, Social Security cards, credit cards, bank books, or any form of identification not provided by the hospital. Exception for those allowed as part of a treatment plan.
30. Incendiary devices, including but not limited to, matches and lighters.
31. Items containing metal bindings, including but not limited to books and binders.
32. Keys, except those issued by DSH staff where applicable.
33. Any device capable of capturing or transmitting audio or video.
34. Luggage, purses or bags with detachable straps.
35. Maps of local and surrounding counties, any source literature, including local maps or electronic devices capable of displaying maps.
36. Material giving instruction on escape, bomb making, bugging, surveillance, surreptitious entry, acts of violence, or any illegal activity.
37. Materials used in tattooing, including but not limited to fountain pens (bulb type).
38. MP3 Players or other devices with voice recording capability, including musical or recordable greeting cards.
39. Non State issued clothing pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 9, section 890. Exception – personal items such as; shoes, caps, beanies, gloves, scarves, or undergarments that do not meet other contraband criteria.
40. Personal information of any nature (including, but not limited to home address, telephone numbers, and photographs) of any District Attorney, Law Enforcement employee involved in any patients case, any staff member, volunteer, or contract employee of the Department of State Hospitals. (Personal information of any victim is subject to Administrative review and may be considered contraband, depending on the nature of the relationship of the victim to the patient.)
41. Personal property held in quantities exceeding institutional set space limitations.
42. Pictures of the patient alone, or of another patient alone, except for pictures on the patient's hospital identification card. Exception for photographs of the patient as a child or adolescent.
43. Plastic wrap.
44. Portrayals of nudity of a minor, or person who appears to be under 18 years old and/or portrayals of sexual conduct where any of the participants is a minor, or appears to be under 18 years old, as determined by Administrative review.
45. Pressurized air, including but not limited to air horns, air compressors, blow horns, pressurized dispensers and sirens.

46. Radios or scanning/monitoring devices capable of receiving or interfering with law enforcement/fire emergency broadcasts, shortwave or CB radios of any type, satellite radios.
47. Rope, twine, cord, wire and/or jeweler's wire.
48. Sandpaper and emery cloth.
49. Shoe polish or dye
50. Shoelaces when removed from shoe.
51. Shoes with steel shanks, hollow heels or magnetic components.
52. Solvents, including but not limited to paints, lacquers, shellac, and acetone, including acetone based nail polish remover.
53. State issued clothing that has been altered or any clothing displayed in a manner commonly associated with gangs.
54. Styrofoam modified from original form.
55. Sunglasses that are reflective or too dark to assess the patient's eyes; sunglasses with exposed metals (not encased in plastic).
56. Tape, including but not limited to strapping tape or other tapes containing fiberglass or reinforcing fibers.
57. Telephone directories; local community and facility.
58. Thermal cups, except those sold or issued by a facility.
59. Tools or metal utensils not being used under staff supervision
60. Umbrellas.
61. Weapons that can inflict bodily harm, including but not limited to swords, spears, daggers, razor blades, mechanically projected missiles, guns, bullets, ammunition, explosives, scissors, letter openers, drawing compasses, saw blades, metal nail files over 1.5 inches in length, etc. Metal items which could be fashioned into weapons, including but not limited to metal clothes hangers.

  
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