

REGION 6 – FEDERAL SECURITY PROHIBITED ITEMS LIST

PROHIBITED ITEMS: The items that are prohibited in the facility include any item prohibited by any applicable Federal, State, local, and tribal law and/or ordinance, as well as firearms, dangerous weapons, explosives, or other destructive devices (including their individual parts or components) designed, redesigned, used, intended for use, or readily converted to cause injury, death, or property damage. This list applies to all facility occupants, contractors, and the visiting public.

- A. **Firearms and Ammunition of Any Type:** The list of prohibited firearms and projectile weapons includes, but is not limited to:
1. Firearms or similar device that expels a projectile through the action of an explosive (unless meeting the exemptions listed in 18 U.S.C. § 930(d));
 2. Parts or components of firearms or guns
 3. BB or pellet guns;
 4. Compressed air guns;
 5. Antique firearms;
 6. Flare guns;
 7. Realistic replica or toy firearms (unless meeting the exemptions listed in 18 U.S.C. § 930(d));
 8. Spear guns;
 9. Starter pistols;
 10. Stun guns, cattle prods, dart-firing stun guns, and other electric weapons or controlled devices;
 11. Ammunition, shotgun shells or firearm cartridges, black powder, smokeless propellant powder (unless meeting the exemption listed in 18 U.S.C. § 930(d)); and
 12. Slingshots.
- B. **Bladed, Edged or Sharp Tools or Implements:** The list of prohibited bladed, edged, or sharp tools, or implements includes, but is not limited to:
1. Axes and hatchets;
 2. Bows and arrows;
 3. Drills, including cordless portable power drills;
 4. Ice axes/Ice picks;
 5. Knives, sabers, swords, daggers, bayonets, and other bladed devices with a blade of more than 2 ½ inches (unless meeting the exemption listed in 18 U.S.C. § 930(d));
 6. Razor-type blades such as box cutters, utility knives, and razor blades not in a cartridge, but excluding safety razors (unless meeting the exemption listed in 18 U.S.C. § 930(d)(3));
 7. Visitors with knives with a blade of less than 2 ½ inches (unless meeting the exemption listed in 18 U.S.C. § 930(d));
 8. Saws, including cordless portable power saws;
 9. Scissors, metal with pointed tips;
 10. Screwdrivers (except those in eyeglass repair kits);
 11. Throwing stars (martial arts).

C. **Club-Like Items and Striking Devices:** The list of club-like items and striking devices includes, but is not limited to:

1. Baseball bats;
2. Billy clubs;
3. Blackjacks;
4. Brass knuckles;
5. Cricket bats;
6. Crowbars;
7. Golf clubs;
8. Hammers;
9. Hockey sticks;
10. Lacrosse sticks;
11. Martial arts weapons, including nunchucks and kubatons;
12. Night sticks (unless meeting the exemption listed in 18 U.S.C. § 930(d));
13. Pool cues;
14. Ski poles;
15. Tools, including, but not limited to wrenches and pliers.

D. **Destructive Devices, Explosives or Combustible Chemical Compounds and Mixtures:**

The list of destructive devices, explosives, or any chemical compound or mixture that has a property of yielding readily to combustion or oxidation upon the application of heat, flame, or shock includes, but is not limited to:

1. Blasting caps or detonators;
2. Dynamite, nitroglycerin, trinitrotoluene, ammonium nitrate, and others;
3. Fireworks;
4. Gunpowder;
5. Hand grenades, mine, bomb, rocket, missile, pipe bomb, plastic explosives;
6. Flares (in any form)
7. Realistic replicas of explosives, incendiaries, or similar devices;
8. Explosive or expanding gases;
9. Gas torches, including micro-torches and torch lighters;
10. Fuels, including cooking fuels and any flammable liquid fuel;
11. Flammable liquids i.e. gasoline, turpentine, paint thinner and aerosols (unless meeting the exemption listed in 18 U.S.C. § 930(d)).

E. **Disabling Chemicals and Other Dangerous Items:** The list of disabling chemicals and other dangerous items includes, but is not limited to:

1. Mace, pepper spray, tear gas gun, or other chemical spray designed for self-defense (unless meeting the exemption listed in 18 U.S.C. § 930(d));
2. Spillable batteries, except those in wheelchairs or similar devices used by a mobility impaired individual;
3. Spray Paint (unless meeting the exemption listed in 18 U.S.C. § 930(d)(3));

4. Poisonous gases;
5. Chlorine or chemicals for pools and spas;
6. Compressed gas cylinders;
7. Liquid bleach.

Occupants, when required for the lawful performance of official duties (in accordance with the exemption listed in 18 U.S.C. § 930(d)), may enter with and possesses within the facility, the items listed below that are otherwise be prohibited by definitions below, unless prohibited by municipal/local safety code.

- i. Drills, including cordless portable power drills;
- ii. Knives and other bladed devices with a blade of more than 2 ½ inches however, this does not include sabers, swords, bayonets and daggers (an exception, when requested in accordance with this rule, may be granted for official ceremonies or other official purposes);
- iii. Razor-type blades such as box cutters, utility knives, and razor blades not in a cartridge;
- iv. Saws, including cordless portable power saws;
- v. Scissors, metal with pointed tips;
- vi. Screwdrivers;
- vii. Tools, including, but not limited to crowbars, wrenches and pliers;
- viii. Spray Paint;
- ix. Compressed gas cylinders;
- x. Flammable liquids (i.e. gasoline, turpentine, and paint thinner)

Unless specifically authorized by the exemption above, an Occupant must request an exception in accordance with the procedures below in order to lawfully enter with and possess within the facility an otherwise prohibited item.

Other Federal employees and contractors.

- a. Federal Employees and Contractors who do not meet the definition of an “Occupant” are unless otherwise granted an exemption or exception in accordance with the procedures outlined in this rule are prohibited from entering the facility with any of the items identified in the Prohibited Items list in definitions below.
- b. Federal Employees and Contractors who do not meet the definition of an Occupant, when required for the lawful performance of official duties (in accordance with the exemption listed in 18 U.S.C. § 930(d)), and sponsored in person and escorted by an Occupant, may enter with and possesses within the facility, the items listed below that are otherwise be prohibited by Section 7 above. The Occupants must be present and provide proper identification to the Security Officer verifying their status as an Occupant of the facility in accordance with the definition above.
 - i. Drills, including cordless portable power drills;

- ii. Knives and other bladed devices with a blade of more than 2 ½ inches however, this does not include sabers, swords, bayonets and daggers;
 - iii. Razor-type blades such as box cutters, utility knives, and razor blades not in a cartridge;
 - iv. Saws, including cordless portable power saws;
 - v. Scissors, metal with pointed tips;
 - vi. Screwdrivers;
 - vii. Tools, including, but not limited to crowbars, wrenches and pliers.
- c. Unless specifically authorized by the exemption above, Federal Employees and Contractors who do not meet the definition of an “Occupant” must request an exception in accordance with the procedures below in order to lawfully enter with and possess within the facility an otherwise prohibited item.

DEFINITIONS:

- A. **Access Control** is the use of physical and procedural controls to ensure only authorized individuals or items are given access to a facility or secure area.
- B. **Controlled Item** is potentially dangerous devices or items that are not prohibited in Federal facilities that may require advance notification for entry for Federal employees and contractors.
 - 2. **Controlled Items that are considered potentially dangerous devices or items that represent a legitimate risk because they could be used as weapons and may or may not be on the list of prohibited items in federal facilities, yet they still require advance notification for entry by federal and contract employees.**
 - 3. **The procedure for the introduction and possession of such devices requires written advance notification and request for entry to the facility as follows:**
 - a. **The Contracting Officer Representative (COR) or the Federal Host or Escort will provide a written request via email to the individuals listed on Attachment A, “Facility Contact List” no later than one business day prior to the visit.**
 - b. **The request must be approved by the EPA D.O. and/or FSC Chairperson before the controlled items are introduced into the facility.**
 - c. **The COR, Federal Host or Escort will describe in writing what each controlled item is and in as much detail as possible and explain how the items are going to be secured when not in use, this includes at the end of the day if multiple days/visits are requested.**
- C. **Dangerous Weapon** is a weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, (animate or inanimate), that is used for or is readily capable of causing death or serious bodily injury, excluding a pocket knife with a blade of less than two-and-a-half inches in length.
- D. **Destructive Weapons** include any device which is either designed or redesigned for use as a dangerous weapon.

- E. **Designated Official or FSC Chairperson** is the highest ranking official of the primary occupant agency.
- F. **Exceptions**, as used in the context of prohibited items, exceptions are temporary in nature and granted for specific occurrences or a defined time period.
- G. **Exemptions**, as used in the context of prohibited items, exemptions are permanent in nature until rescinded.
- H. **Facility**, for the purpose of this procedure, includes the buildings and grounds of the U.S. EPA's Federal Government Lease Facility located in: 1201 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas 75270, also referred to as GSA Building Number TX17462. The facility is inclusive of the building or suite and associated support infrastructure (e.g., parking garages and areas) and land.
- I. **Facility Security Committee (FSC)** is the committee responsible for addressing facility-specific security issues and approving the implementation of security measures and practices. The FSC consists of representatives of all Federal tenants in the facility, the security organization which is the Federal Protective Service, and the owning agency which is the General Services Administration.
- J. **Federal Contractor:** According to 11 C.F.R. § 115.1 "a person, as defined by 11 C.F.R. § 100.10, who enters into a contract with the United States or any department or agency thereof for the rendition of personal services; or furnishing any material, supplies, or equipment; or selling any land or buildings; if the payment for the performance of the contract or payment for the material, supplies, equipment, land or building is to be made in whole or part from funds appropriated by Congress."
- K. **Federal Employee** is an individual employed by the U.S. Federal Government.
- L. **Federal Tenant** is a Federal department or agency that occupies space and pays rent on this space in the facility identified above.
- M. **Law Enforcement Officer (LEO)** is an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, a state, or a political subdivision thereof, authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of any violation of law.
- N. **Occupant** is an employee or contract employee permanently or regularly assigned to a building. This may also include the employees of non-Federal tenants of the building.
- O. **Prohibited Item** is an item, legal or illegal in nature, where possession is restricted from entry into a facility by Federal, state, or local law, regulation, court order, rule, or FSC policy.
- P. **Protective Security Officers** are armed security guards of the Federal Protective Service who are charged with access control and screening of persons entering the facility.
- Q. **Security Screening** is an electronic, visual, or manual inspection or search of persons, vehicles, packages, and containers for the purpose of detecting the possession or attempted introduction of illegal, prohibited, or other dangerous items.
- R. **Sporting Equipment** includes any object used for sport or exercise.
- S. **Tools of the Trade** include items required for a person to do his or her job, such as hand tools for maintenance and construction or a chef's knife for a caterer.
- T. **Visitor** is any person entering the government facility that does not possess the required identification badge or pass for access or who otherwise does not qualify as an "occupant."