

Court Security in the New Millennium: A Time for Change (2023)

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- 1. What case involving the violent attack on a judge caused the onset of attention to the need for courtroom security?**

- 2. What statute provides for courthouse security?**

- 3. What was the law enforcement agency that became in charge of planning a court security program for Federal Courts?**

- 4. List some reasons a facility needs court security:**

- 5. What is a building security committee:**

- 6. How often should a building security committee meet?**

- 7. What is a building security assessment?**

- 8. List the 2 types of assessments discussed:**

9. What are the advantages of conducting the assessment yourself?

10. What does “CPTED” stand for?

11. Identify and define the 5 common principles of CPTED:

12. What responsibility and deadline must courts adhere to when any security incident occurs?

13. What is the first line of defense in the security plan?

14. What is the three-prong test for an administrative search?

15. How might a warning sign contribute to a legal search uncovering illegal substances or materials?

16. What is Natural Surveillance?

17. What is Natural Access Control?

18. What is Territorial Reinforcement?

19. What is Target Hardening?

20. What is Maintenance of Property?

21. How are Court Security Screening stations are described by the authors?

22. List the 3 administrative search factors:

23. What was the finding regarding warning signs prior to passing through metal detectors?

24. Discuss why law enforcement officials are not immune from the screening process.

25. What is the best way to accomplish an assessment of courthouse security?

26. What type of person is best suited for a survey and assessment?

27. What agency can a court turn to for cost-free assessments?

28. What is the nickname for the judge's bench used by the authors?

29. What are some of the suggestions for security on the judge's bench?

30. The authors list 3 important functions that Bailiffs are responsible for which could have life and death consequences. What are the 3 functions mentioned?

31. When bringing prisoners into the open courtroom, what things should your security officer consider?

32. What things should a Bailiff be looking for during a pre-session search of the jury room?

33. List a few ways a Bailiff could cause a mistrial?

34. Where should family members be seated?

35. What are the first few rows considered to be as it relates to courtroom security?

36. How would you describe workplace violence??

37. What is the best strategy for an organization to take regarding workplace violence?

38. What are some of the necessary items to have in your safe room in the event of an active shooter?

39. In addition to security from outsiders, list the other main areas of responsibility listed in Chapter 5 for security officers:

40. Complete the self-assessment exercise in the book on Page 123. Identify your most immediate needs for improvement.
