

Twenty-third Judicial Circuit Court

Counties of:

Alcona . Arenac . Iosco . Oscoda

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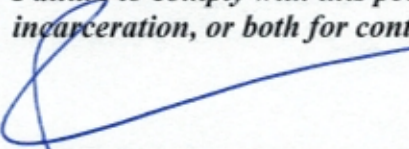
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POLICY REGARDING USE OF CELL PHONES OR OTHER PORTABLE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Pursuant to **MCR 8.115(C)**, this policy governs the use of electronic communication devices in the 23rd Circuit, 81st District, and Probate Court in Alcona, Arenac, Iosco and Oscoda Counties. Electronic communication devices include cell phones, pagers, two way portable radios, lap top computers, photo and any other electronic device that possesses the capability of communicating information from one person to another.

1. Electronic communication devices must be turned off or set to silent mode prior to entering a courtroom.
2. No electronic communication devices may be used in any courtroom, unless authorization is given by the Chief Judge or the judge assigned to the matter being heard.
3. Jurors are not permitted to use electronic communication devices while in attendance at trial or during deliberation. **(See MCR 2.51(B)(2))**
4. No photographs may be taken of any jurors or witnesses.
5. No photographs may be taken inside any courtroom without permission of the court.
6. In areas of the courthouse other than courtrooms, no one may photograph, record, broadcast, or live stream any individual without that individual's prior express consent. **(See MCR 8.115(C)(3)(b)).**
7. A person may only use a portable electronic device in the courthouse, subject to the authority of judges, Clerk's of the Court, or court administrators, who may limit or terminate activity which might be disruptive to court operations or that compromises courthouse security. **(See MCR 8.115(C)(6)).**

Failure to comply with this policy may result in a fine, including confiscation of the device, incarceration, or both for contempt of court.


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