

Security Spotlight



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Prohibited and Controlled Articles

The Oak Ridge Office and its contractor organizations have experienced an increasing number of incidents related to the introduction of controlled articles (i.e., personal electronic devices) into security areas.

To refresh your memory, security areas include, but are not limited to:

Property Protection Areas (PPA's) – Established to protect Government-owned property against damage, destruction or theft.

Limited Areas (LA's) – Security areas designated for the protection of classified matter and Category III quantities of special nuclear material.

In PPA's, the following **prohibited** articles are not permitted without authorization.

- Firearms, other dangerous or deadly weapons, explosives, incendiary and explosive devices
- Alcohol/intoxicants
- Controlled substances, including illegal drugs and associated paraphernalia
- Other items prohibited by law

In addition to the above, the following **controlled** articles (both government and personally owned) are not permitted in LA's without authorization:

- Cellular telephones
- PDA's (BlackBerry or Palm Pilot, etc.)
- AM/FM Radios
- Two-way pagers
- Wireless devices
- Photo, video and audio recording equipment (cameras, digital photo frames, key chains, and greeting cards that record)
- Laptop or desktop computers
- Thumb/flash drives, including USB drives

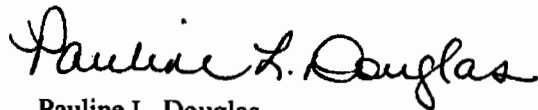
In the Federal Building we have PPA's and LA's. The LA's are the ground floor glassed-in area, Oak Ridge Operations Center, and various conference rooms in the basement. These areas require a higher level of protection and control because that is where classified information is discussed, generated, processed, and stored. The introduction of personal electronic devices into these areas can compromise classified information due to their recording and transmitting capabilities.

So, what can you do to help reduce or prevent these types of incidents?

- Read and follow postings whenever entering government facilities.
- Double check pockets, briefcases, purses, etc., prior to entering into any LA.
- Use receptacles, such as lockers, provided to temporarily store personal electronic devices.
- Remind visitor(s) to remove any prohibited articles prior to entry into an LA.
- Ask the host/point of contact or Visitor Control about any security requirements related to controlled items prior to visiting an area for which you are unfamiliar.
- Contact the Office of Security and Emergency Management, 576-8773, if you have any questions about the introduction of controlled articles into security areas.

Remember, you have a personal responsibility to take a moment to think about what might be in your pockets, jacket, purse, briefcase, etc., before entering a Security Area.

With your assistance, we can reduce or eliminate these types of incidents. Thank you for your cooperation.



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