

**VIRGINIA: IN THE JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT
COURT FOR THE CITY OF HAMPTON**

STANDING ORDER REGARDING PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

In accordance with Virginia Code Section 16.1–69.35:4, it shall be the standing Order of this court that possession of portable electronic devices shall be permitted in the courthouse with the following conditions and limitations:

1. Portable electronic devices include laptops, computers, tablets, mobile telephones, electronic calendar devices, electronic book readers, smart watches, smart glasses, and any other electronic personal communication device which is determined, in the sole discretion of courthouse security, to have camera, audio, video recording and/or transmission capabilities.
2. Any portable electronic devices that a visitor may desire to keep with them upon entry to the courthouse shall be turned off and placed in a secure Yondr Pouch that will be provided by courthouse security. The portable electronic device shall remain in said secured pouch throughout the visitor's time in the courthouse. Upon exiting the courthouse, it is the responsibility of the court visitor to make contact with courthouse security so that the pouch may be opened and their portable electronic device returned to them prior to exiting the building.
3. Should it be necessary for a visitor to have access to their phone for purposes of the presentation of evidence or to share necessary information with their attorney or appropriate agency personnel, a visitor must request that authorized courtroom security personnel open the pouch to allow access. Access to the device in this situation shall be in the sole discretion of the Presiding Judge and courtroom security personnel. While the portable electronic device is accessible, its use is limited to the specific purpose authorized by the Presiding Judge or courtroom security personnel.
4. Portable electronic devices which serve a medical purpose will be permitted and will be placed in a special pouch that allows for them to remain turned on and functional. Electronic medical devices of this type that need to be physically accessible by a visitor will be permitted only with specific permission of the court. Prescription glasses, that also qualify as portable electronic devices, will not be permitted simply because they are prescription in nature.
5. The use of any electronic device to take photographs, make audio or video recordings, or transmit live audio or video in any manner, including by livestreaming, is strictly prohibited except as specifically permitted by a judge of this court.

The possession or use of portable electronic devices may be further limited by a judge, in his or her discretion, for any reason deemed necessary.

Paragraphs 2-4 of this Order shall not apply to attorneys at law, active, retired or substitute judges, law-enforcement officers, court security officers, probation officers and other court service unit employees, employees of state or local agencies working in partnership with the court, court reporters, mediators working under a contract with the court, and other individuals who have been specifically authorized by the court to possess such devices due to their work in partnership with the court.

Any person using an electronic device in violation of this order or in violation of the conditions set by the Presiding Judge or courtroom security authorizing access to said electronic device shall be subject to contempt of court and any electronic device used in violation will be confiscated. Courthouse security shall not be responsible or liable for any damage to or loss of a confiscated device.

The clerk of court is directed to make a copy of this Order publicly available online and shall post a copy of this Order at the entrance to the courthouse.

Entered this 30TH day of June, 2026.



Jay E. Dugger, Chief Judge Eighth Judicial District
Hampton Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court



Gregory C. Bane, Judge
Hampton Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court



Robert B. Wilson, V, Judge
Hampton Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court