

State Hospital South
Contraband Awareness
Policy 310-01

The term "contraband" is used for all items that, for reasons of patient safety/wellness or for the safety of Hospital staff, must be controlled within the Hospital environment. These items would include, but not be limited to, the following:

Tobacco products or electronic cigarettes, Tobacco-Free Campus

- Matches and/or lighters
- Personal items containing alcohol
- Weapons of any form, including knives, guns, clubs
- Medications in any form, including over-the-counter medications
- Sharp objects, including blade-type razors and pocket knives
- Opened drink/beverage containers, including bottles, cups, or mugs
- Cords
- Cans of any kind (ex. aerosol, soda, coffee)
- Any device that has the potential to take picture, video, or audio recordings. This includes, but is not limited to cell phones, smart watches, cameras, video cameras, iPads and tablets, Photography, Audiotaping and Videotaping Involving Patients
- Glass/Ceramic items, other than eyewear
- Non-commercially prepared food items, e.g., home-made or home-baked items
- Liquid hygiene products, e.g. shampoo, conditioner, lotion, liquid makeup

Any items, including money, brought to the Hospital for a patient must be checked by nursing staff. State Hospital South is a treatment facility for the mentally ill where contraband items may unduly stress certain patients and, therefore, should be avoided.

All visitors will be required to read Form ADMIN-0003, Contraband Awareness and Confidentiality Statement (Individual) and sign it to provide documentation regarding the visitor's legal liabilities.

Visitors who knowingly bring contraband into the Hospital will be restricted from visiting.

Visitors who bring weapons or other dangerous items into the Hospital will be referred to local law enforcement agencies for proper disposition.

