



Montgomery County - District 6 Cell Phone Policy

- **Any individual who willfully violates Maryland Rule 16-208 and/or the limitations imposed by this policy may be found in contempt of court and may be subject to sanctions in accordance with the Maryland Rules, Title 15, Chapter 200.**
- This policy applies to everyone using a courthouse facility in Montgomery County, including attorneys (public or private), police officers, and court employees.
- A violation of this policy can result in the confiscation of the phone and/or ejection of the violator.
- A person may possess a cell-phone in a courtroom only if the phone is on a belt clip, in a pocket, briefcase, or handbag.
- Cell phone power must be off at all times in the courtroom.
- Cell phones may not be removed from a pocket, clip, briefcase, or handbag at any time while in the courtroom unless authorized by the presiding judge.
- The wearing of Bluetooth earpieces or other similar cell phone accessories is prohibited in the courtroom at all times.
- Taking of photographs by cell phone or otherwise is prohibited any place in the **courthouse at all times.**
- Use of cell phones at clerk window stations is prohibited at all times.
- Any violation of this cell phone policy may result in confiscation of the cell phone.
- Any confiscated cell phone not claimed within thirty days of the date of confiscation shall be donated to the sheriff's office for use in the domestic violence program.
- The bailiff will not accept or hold anyone's cell phone or other property while that person attends court. Any property left unattended shall be deemed abandoned property, and subject to be disposed of by the bailiff.

Hon. Patricia L. Mitchell, Administrative Judge