

## **Security Checks and Prohibited Items**

All attendees entering Mary Ward House for Inquiry Hearings must undergo airport-style security screening. Screening is required **every time** an individual enters the building. Please allow extra time, as queues may form during busy periods.

Security checks may include:

- Emptying your pockets into a tray
- Removing outer clothing such as coats, scarves and hats.
- Removing belts with metal buckles
- Walking through an archway metal detector
- Additional inspection using handheld scanners or manual checks.
- Bags searches for all bags brought into the venue

### **Prohibited Items**

You cannot take any kind of weapon into the building. Attempting to do so will result in police involvement. Security staff may also prohibit items they believe could be used as weapons, even if you consider them harmless.

Examples of prohibited items include:

- Sharp or bladed items
- Glass or breakable items
- Metal cutlery
- Toy guns or replicas
- Tools, ropes and chains
- Alcohol, solvents, or harmful substances
- Non-drink liquids such as oils, perfumes, glues, lighter refills
- Recording equipment (excluding mobile phones)
- Laser pens

### **Retained Items**

You will be asked to leave umbrellas and crash helmets with Security staff. They will retain these and any prohibited items and issue a receipt for collection when you leave the building.

### **Permitted Items**

You may bring the following items into the building, subject to conditions:

- Mobile phones and laptops – in the Hearing Room these must be silent, and no filming or recording is allowed
- Hand sanitiser – must be demonstrated as safe if requested
- Drinks – drinks already open upon entry to the building must be tasted to prove safety; only water is allowed in the Hearing Room
- Prescription medicines – must have a pharmacist label with your name and date of issue
- Small backpack or handbags – permitted in the Hearing Room; large cases must be left in the cloakroom

### **Accessibility**

If you require reasonable adjustments during security checks, please contact [Info@NottinghamInquiry.uk](mailto:Info@NottinghamInquiry.uk)