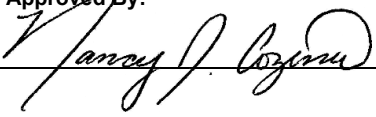




Oregon Judicial Department Policy Statement



Subject Area: Administration		Secondary Subject Area Security and Emergency Preparedness		
Policy Statement Name: OJD Marshal Facial Coverings		Issued By: OJD Marshal's Office		
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PURPOSE AND SCOPE: The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for all Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) Marshals prohibiting the use of facial coverings when performing their duties except in the limited circumstances expressed in this policy, as required by [Oregon Laws 2026, chapter 66, section 3](#).

POLICY DEFINITIONS AND TERMS:

For standard definitions that appear in most OJD policies, [click here](#).

Facial Covering

Any opaque mask, garment, helmet, headgear, or other item that conceals or obscures the facial identity of an individual. Examples of facial coverings include a balaclava, tactical mask, gaiter, ski mask, and any similar type of facial covering or face-shielding item ([Or Laws 2026, ch 66, § 2](#)).

Facial Covering does not include:

- (a) A medical-grade mask or respirator, including a N95 medical mask, worn to protect against transmission of disease or infection, or any other mask, helmet, or device, including, but not limited to, air-purifying respirators, full or half masks, or self-contained breathing apparatuses necessary to protect against exposure to any toxin, gas, smoke, flame, or severely inclement weather.
- (b) A mask, helmet, or device, including, but not limited to, a self-contained breathing apparatus, for underwater use.
- (c) A motorcycle or bicycle helmet when worn by an officer utilizing a motorcycle, bicycle, or other vehicle that requires a helmet for safe operation while in the performance of the officer's duties.
- (d) A fire helmet when worn during an arson investigation.

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- (e) Eyewear necessary to protect the eyes from physical objects or the use of retinal weapons, including but not limited to lasers.
- (f) A translucent face shield or clear mask that does not conceal the officer's facial identity and is used in compliance with this policy.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the OJD Marshal's Office that facial coverings shall not be worn by OJD Marshals in the performance of their duties except as set forth in this policy.

I. FACIAL COVERINGS

- A. Facial coverings shall not be worn by OJD Marshals when performing their duties except under the following conditions ([Or Laws, ch 66, § 4](#)):
 - 1. Active undercover operations or assignments that are part of the regular performance of the officer's duties.
 - 2. Active tactical operations with a tactical response team where protective gear is required for physical safety.
 - 3. Working in extreme or severely inclement weather, including freezing temperatures, high winds, or highly dusty conditions.
- B. During any time period when votes for any state or federal election are being collected or counted, under no circumstances shall an OJD Marshal wear a facial covering while performing law enforcement duties within 250 feet of ([Or Laws 2026, ch 66, § 4](#)):
 - 1. A place for depositing ballots described in [ORS 254.472](#).
 - 2. A compartment, shelf, or table used to mark ballots described in [ORS 254.472](#).
 - 3. A voting booth provided under [ORS 254.474](#).
- C. A supervisor shall not knowingly allow an OJD Marshal under their supervision to violate state law or department policy limiting the use of a facial covering.

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II. POSTING OF POLICY

- A. The Chief Marshal or the authorized designee shall make this policy publicly available ([Or Laws 2026, ch 66, § 3](#)).
- B. A written challenge regarding this policy shall be forwarded to the Chief Marshal or the authorized designee, who shall then have 180 days to address or correct any alleged deficiencies. Court proceedings may not be initiated by the challenging party until this 180-day period has been completed ([Or Laws 2026, ch 66, § 3](#)).

LIST OF REFERENCES:

- [Oregon Laws 2026, chapter 66](#)
- [ORS 254.472 and ORS 254.474](#)

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