
What to Expect when Visiting Spokane Superior Court

SECURITY SCREENING

- ❖ There are security screeners at each courthouse entrance. Be sure to leave anything that could be considered a weapon (pocket knife, mace, firearms) at home or be prepared to check it with the security screeners.
- ❖ When going through security screening, you will need to remove your jacket, your belt and anything in your pockets.

LOCATING A HEARING OR COURTROOM

- ❖ If you are interested in a specific court hearing, there are kiosks prior to going through security screening to look up the building and courtroom location for that hearing. Court date information and limited case information is also located on the Superior Court website: <https://www.spokanecounty.org/1687/Court-Dates-Schedules>
- ❖ If you want to know what is going on in each courtroom, there are dockets posted in the hallway outside of each courtroom or you can visit Court Administration on the third floor of the Annex to inquire. You can also call Court Administration at 509-477-5790.

ENTERING THE COURTROOM

- ❖ All of our courtrooms are open to the public, provided there is seating available. If there is a hearing that is closed to the public there will be a sign posted outside the courtroom.
- ❖ Prior to entering the courtroom, all cell phones or recording devices need to be turned off. No recording or photography is permitted without prior permission from the Judge.
- ❖ Food, drink, gum or tobacco is not allowed in the courtroom.
- ❖ The courtroom is a professional setting and visitors are encouraged to dress appropriately. Hats need to be removed prior to entering the courtroom.
- ❖ If you need to enter or exit a courtroom while Court is in session, please do so quietly and with as little disruption to the proceedings as possible.

INSIDE THE COURTROOM

- ❖ Everyone in the courtroom must stand up or rise when the judge and/or the jury enter or leave the courtroom. Remain standing until the judge or judicial assistant indicates you can be seated.
- ❖ While the court is in session visitors should not talk, comment or make noise.