

Important Information Regarding Jury Service at the Bennington Superior Court Civil Division

Juror Reporting Instructions

Call the Bennington Civil Jury Line at 802-447-6581 after 5:00 pm the night before you are scheduled for jury service for reporting instructions.

Location and Parking

The courthouse is located at 207 South Street, Bennington, VT.

Limited parking is available in the parking lot to the rear of the courthouse. Additional parking options include public parking lots and Hillside St. Please obey all parking signs and do not park at the Town Clerk's Office.

Time Commitment Expectations

You are to report for two jury draws and are to serve on no more than three trials during your term of jury service. Jury trials vary in length from one day to several days. The final day of a trial can go into evening hours due to deliberations.

What To Expect at a Jury Draw

Court staff will check you in and present a general orientation. The judge will then discuss our system of justice and answer your questions. The rest of the day will be spent drawing juries from your panel for specific trials. Plan to stay at court until approximately 4:30 pm.

Emergencies/Requests to be Excused

If you have an emergency the morning that you are to report for jury service, please call 802-447-2700 and speak with court staff.

If you have a serious scheduling conflict that makes it impossible for you to participate in your scheduled jury service or if you are requesting a health-related excusal, please submit your request in writing as soon as possible. Medical excuses are given priority. A note from your physician must accompany medical requests to be excused.

Lunch

Lunch is normally one hour. You may choose to go out or you may bring your lunch and eat in the jury room.

Miscellaneous

Please note that anyone entering the building will be screened by a court security officer. You may not bring weapons into the courthouse.

Due to the nature of jury service and the court process itself, there are often periods of waiting. You may bring reading material to pass the time. There are brief recesses throughout the day.

No childcare is available.

Smokers will be directed to a designated area outside the building.

Cell phones must be turned off while court is in session.

If you have any special needs, please bring them to the court's attention.

Hearing assistance devices can be made available.