

Important Information Regarding Jury Service at the Rutland Superior Court Criminal Division

Juror Reporting Instructions

Call the juror phone at 802-786-3883 after 5:00pm the night before you are scheduled for jury service for reporting instructions.

Directions

We are located at 9 Merchants Row. There is some parking located off of State Street behind the Probation and Parole Building. If there are no spaces there, please try the Transit Center on West Street.

Please enter through the front door on Merchants Row. You will receive instructions from the court staff.

Time Commitment Expectations

Your jury term generally consists of 3 jury drawing days and a maximum of 3 trials. Average trial length is one to two days, but some trials may last longer.

Plan to stay at the court until at least 4:30pm.

What To Expect at a Jury Draw

Court staff will greet you and present a general orientation, answer your questions and discuss your concerns. 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 at least 4:30pm.

Emergencies/Reporting Absences/Excuses

If an illness or emergency prevents your attendance, please call the Clerk's office at 802-786-5880 as near to 8:00am as possible.

Medical excuses are given first priority. A note from your physician must accompany all medical requests. The court always works with you to plan around scheduled appointments, vacations, or business hardship. We try to minimize the disruption that jury service might cause you.

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 may be screened by a court security officer. You may not bring weapons into the courthouse.

You may receive emergency telephone calls in the Clerk's Office, 802-786-5880.

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.

Other Concerns

If you have any special needs please bring them to the court clerk's attention. All electronic devices, including cell phones, must be turned off while court is in session.

Hearing assistance devices can be made available.