
Serving on a Jury...



**“It’s not fair if
you’re not there”**

Tips for Citizens

Your voice as a juror is needed to ensure fairness and justice in our community. Jury service is an important civic responsibility and is one of the highest duties a citizen can perform in a democracy. By serving on a jury you have the privilege of providing direct input into the administration of justice.

When summoned for jury service, read the summons carefully and follow the instructions. Do not throw away any information contained in the envelope from the court until your service is complete. If you have questions, please call the phone number listed on the court letterhead or summons.

If you do not respond to your jury summons you will be violating Nebraska law and may be subject to court sanctions.

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- Please be prompt. A trial cannot begin or continue until everyone is present.
 - Wear comfortable clothing but dress in a manner which reflects the seriousness of your service.
 - Expect to get paid. Nebraska jurors are paid a set rate per day of service and are reimbursed for mileage.
 - Bring things to do while you are waiting, before court is in session. Books, magazines, newspapers, and other quiet activities are appropriate.
 - State law prohibits your employer from penalizing you. You cannot be fired, lose pay (except that your employer may reduce your pay by the daily rate you receive for jury duty), lose sick leave, or lose vacation time. You and your employer can get additional information at the Web site address below.
 - If you are responding for someone who no longer lives in the county, is serving in the military or is away at school, note that information on the response form and return it to the clerk or commissioner.



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Frequently Asked Questions
Judicial Branch Web site:
www.supremecourt.ne.gov
under 'Jury Service'
