



MAGISTRATES COURT OF TASMANIA

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Admission to Magistrates Court Buildings

To reiterate the notice issued on 17 March 2020 and available on the Magistrates Court's website at: <https://www.magistratescourt.tas.gov.au/coronavirus>, and for the sake of clarification, the following processes apply to entry to Magistrates Court buildings, including country courts.

Any person seeking entry to Court buildings, including lawyers and prosecutors, will be required to wash or sanitise their hands, and answer public health-related questions prior to entry. Refusal to do so may result in the person being refused entry to the building.

After completing the above process lawyers who present their valid photo ID issued by the Law Society or the Magistrates Court, and Police representatives who present their valid Police ID or a police badge, are not required to pass through the security scanner.

On court premises as defined in the *Court Security Act 2017*, all attendees must comply with social distancing guidelines issued by the Director of Public Health, including limiting physical contact (e.g. handshakes, hugging or kissing) and maintaining a distance of 1.5 metres from others.

Individual court rooms are equipped with supplies for hand sanitising and wiping down bar tables as required.

It is important for the safety of individuals and for the community generally that people attending the Court follow the directions of court staff and security officers, and we seek your cooperation in achieving this.

Please refer to the Magistrates Court's website for any updates.

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