



MESKWAKI TRIBAL COURT USER RESPONSIBILITIES & EXPECTATIONS

COURT USER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. If you intend to have a lawyer represent you, then you should immediately make efforts to hire a lawyer. A current listing of Bar Members is available at the Clerk of Court's Office or online at www.meskwakicourt.org
2. If you represent yourself, you will have to follow **ALL** applicable "Rules of Procedure" as you continue with your case.
3. You are responsible for attending all court hearings. **If you do not attend a scheduled hearing, the Court can proceed to enter any and all appropriate Orders and rulings.**
4. You must make copies of any documents you file with the Clerk and personally mail a copy of all documents to the other party or parties, or their attorney if they have an attorney
5. You must notify the Clerk of Court of your current address and telephone number to be notified of any Orders or scheduled hearings.
6. Dress appropriately, if able. It is recommended that clothing be clean and respectful. Dress as if you are going to a job interview.
7. Treat everyone, including the Judges, Court staff, attorneys and other court users with courtesy and respect.

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1. Receive fair and impartial treatment regardless of age, education, sex, sexual orientation, religion, military status, disability, familial status, marital status, or language barrier.
2. Courtesy, respect, professionalism, and responsiveness from Judges and Court staff.
3. Fair decisions that are consistent with the Tribal Code and applicable laws.
4. Clear and understandable information during your hearing and in your Order following your hearing.
5. A safe courtroom - **no weapons of any kind** are allowed into the courtroom.
6. Open court hearings to the public unless otherwise prohibited by Tribal Code.
7. A jury of one's peers when entitled to a Jury Trial unless a Bench Trial (trial by Judge) is required.
8. Information on Court procedures, Tribal Codes, Community Service options, and available resources.
9. Uninterrupted court proceedings- cell phones shall be turned off or placed on silent at all times while in the courtroom.
10. To have your scheduled hearing held in a timely manner; we heavily advise all scheduled parties to arrive 10-15 minutes prior to their scheduled hearing.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Judges and Clerk staff cannot give legal advice about Court matters.