

Useful Information

Lisburn Courthouse

Location

The courthouse is located in the city centre at the junction of Bachelor's Walk and Railway Street.

Transport

The railway station is directly adjacent to the courthouse. The main bus station is located 1 km away. For information about bus and rail timetables contact Translink on 028 9066 6630 or www.translink.co.uk

Car parking

There is no car parking available at the courthouse. Disabled customers who require car parking should ring in advance and ask to speak to the Disability Liason Officer. There is a large public car park available in Railway Street which is clearly signposted and within easy walking distance.

Opening hours

The building is open from 9.00am. The office is open to the public from 9.30am to 4.30pm. The courts generally start at 10.30am, stopping for lunch around 1.00pm and resuming at 2.00pm, until the daily business is finished. The office is open for fine payment or other business during lunch.

Refreshment & other facilities

Two vending machines are located in the main foyer of the courthouse providing hot and cold drinks and snacks. The nearby city centre has coffee shops and restaurants. There is a payphone in the main waiting area, and a public address system throughout the building. There is a no smoking policy in Lisburn Courthouse.

Help and information

Staff at the public counter will be pleased to help with any queries you may have. Notice boards at the entrance and outside each courtroom display lists of the daily business. Please note that court lists do not run in numerical order. Usually applications to adjourn and settlements/pleas of guilty are taken first. The Judge/magistrate then decides the running order of cases proceeding. Please inform a court official if you do not have a solicitor acting for you. If you have not already done so, you may wish to contact a solicitor before coming to court.

Please note, although the court starting time is listed for 10.30am, you may not be called until after this. If you feel you have been waiting too long please contact a court official.

Do you have a disability or a special need?

If you have a disability or a special need, please contact the Disability Liason Officer who will provide you with information on the facilities available. The main court room has an induction loop system, and our leaflets can also be made available in large print.

Mobile Phones and Photographic equipment

Care must be taken in the use of mobile phones whilst in the precincts of the court. It is prohibited to use any photographic or recording device within the court building and the area immediately surrounding it. Some mobile phones are capable of performing this function and therefore you are advised not to use mobile phones for this purpose whilst attending court. Mobile phones must be switched off before entering a courtroom.

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Witness Service

If you are a victim or witness for the prosecution, Victim Support Northern Ireland offers a Witness Service at all the Crown and Magistrate' Courts.

Before the Trial: opportunity to talk to someone; pre-trial familiarisation visit to court; information on court procedures.

During the Trial: safe waiting area; liaison with court officers and legal representatives; arrangements for witnesses with special needs; accompanying witnesses into court.

After the Trial: preparing victims for case outcome; encouraging continued contact with Victim Support Community Service; referral on to other agencies.

Giving Evidence

If you are aged 14 or over and have to give evidence in court, you will be required either to take a religious oath or 'affirm' that you will tell the truth. The court clerk will ask you which method you want to use, and invite you to repeat after them the appropriate words. A religious oath is a sworn promise to tell the truth and is made on a holy book. An affirmation is a declaration to tell the truth but it is not sworn on a holy book.

Contact information

For further information on Lisburn courthouse please contact
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