

Attending court can be difficult

Here are some tips and tricks
for **attending virtual court**

- Find a quiet and safe place to attend virtual court.
- Check ahead of time that you have access to a stable internet connection.
- Make sure that you can access Zoom on your device.
- Check ahead of time that you have the correct Zoom link for the courtroom you are scheduled in.
- Make sure you have a working camera on your device to attend court via video.
- Make sure your audio is working and you can hear the court clearly.
- If you are having technical difficulties call the courthouse.
- If you don't want to see the perpetrator, put a sticky note over their face on your screen.
- Turn off all background noise such as TV's, music, and your cellphone ringer.
- If there are other family members or people in your household, advise them ahead of time that you are going into a meeting and should not be interrupted.
- Virtual court is still considered a courtroom; therefore, you must dress appropriately and avoid wearing hats, hoodies and clothing with inappropriate images and language.
- Avoid eating, drinking, and smoking during your virtual court appearance.
- Keep your microphone on mute until it's your turn to speak.
- Please wait your turn to speak and try not to speak over others.
- Try to be patient with the court process as sometimes it may take a while before it's your turn to tell your story.

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