

MANITOBA COURTS

CAMERA AND CAMERA CELL PHONE POLICY

POLICY:

Cameras:

Court facilities in Manitoba enforce a “No Cameras in the Courthouse Policy.” Neither the public nor the media are permitted to have cameras in the courtroom or court facility in general, unless prior approval/permission of the court has been given. Usually cameras are permitted on ceremonial occasions of the court only, such as judicial swearing-ins, and during the Open House for Law Day.

Cell Phones/Camera Cell Phones

The following conditions apply to the use of cell phones/camera cell phones within Courthouses and individual courtrooms:

- As an exception to the “No Cameras in the Courthouse Policy”, camera cell phones will be allowed into Courthouses, but the camera portion is **strictly prohibited** from being used anywhere within the building.
- Talking on cell phones is permitted in Courthouses, except within the courtroom, where it is **strictly prohibited**.

Cell phones (with or without a camera portion) may be banned from a courtroom, in the discretion of the judge. In appropriate cases, sheriffs may conduct a secondary scan of persons entering that courtroom; persons carrying cell phones would be denied entry to that courtroom.

- Sheriffs Officers will advise persons that the use of camera cell phones and cameras in general in the courthouse is strictly prohibited and if observed using a camera, they will be asked to leave and will only be allowed back into the courthouse if they do not have a camera cell phone or camera in their possession.

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