



TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
SERVING THE CITIZENS OF PEORIA COUNTY, IL

Notice of Accommodation Availability-EXHIBIT B.1

The following applies to the courts in the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main, Peoria, IL 61602.

NEED ACCOMMODATION FOR A DISABILITY?

Hearing, Visual, and other assistance may be arranged.

Contact the Court Disability Coordinator, Stefanie M. Dwyer, Administrative Assistant, (309) 672-6047, disabilitycoordinator@peoriacounty.org

If you require accommodations, auxiliary aids, or other services in order to participate in Circuit Court activities, please make your request to the Court Disability Coordinator.

Requests shall be made in writing. Forms are provided for your use.

Copies of the following documents are available upon request and are available at the Circuit Clerk's office and on the 10th Judicial Circuit website:

- Policy on Access for Persons with Disabilities
- List of Disability Coordinators
- Notice of Accommodation Availability
- Request for Accommodations Form
- Grievance Form

Building Access and Accommodations

The buildings and facilities used by the courts are fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The court will strive to maintain and to improve building access and accommodations. Public hours of access for the Peoria County Courthouse on court days are from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm.

Reserved Parking for Persons with Disabilities

There are numerous designated reserved-for-persons-with-disabilities parking spaces located within easy access to the Main St. and Jefferson Ave. entrances to our facilities.

Real-time Court Reporters for Persons with Hearing Impairments

Court Reporters capable of real-time captioning are available by prior arrangement in court cases involving persons with hearing impairments. Through this technology, the court reporter's symbols are fed into a computer which are then translated into the English language and appear on a computer screen to allow the person to read the testimony as it is being given in a court proceeding.

Sign Language Interpreters

Whenever a person with a hearing impairment is a party to any legal proceeding, serving as a juror, or called as a witness, the court in all instances appoints a qualified, nationally certified interpreter of sign language to interpret the proceedings. The interpreter shall be available through the actual trial and may accompany and communicate with such juror throughout any period during which the jury is sequestered or engaged in its deliberations.

Telecommunication Devices for Persons with Hearing/Speech Impairments

Peoria County TDD number (800) 526-0844

The Illinois Relay Center makes it possible for persons with hearing and/or speech impairments who are TTY phone customers to call persons or businesses without TTYs.

A person who uses a TTY types their conversation to a relay operator, who then reads aloud the typed conversation to the person at the other end of the line. The operator then types that person's spoken words and relays them to the TTY user. Illinois Relay is a free service, provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. All calls are confidential.

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| English | |
| TTY Users | 1-800-526-0844 |
| Voice Users | 1-800-526-0857 |
| Voice Carryover | 1-877-826-1130 |
| Speech to Speech | 1-877-526-6690 |
| ASCII | 1-877-526-6680 |
| Telebraille | 1-877-526-6670 |

Wheelchair Availability

Wheelchairs are available at the Jefferson and Main Street entrances of the Peoria County Courthouse. Upon request to Sheriff's security at each entrance, a wheelchair will be provided and Sheriff's security will direct/assist persons to their location.

Service Animals

Sheriff's security and the courts will allow access to the courthouse of a person using a service animal. A service animal as a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.

General Medical Needs

The court and staff shall reasonably accommodate general medical needs. Persons using of the Peoria County Courthouse may alert the court and staff of any general medical needs such as a need for a regular dietary schedule, regular court breaks, and seating-types/arrangements. Vending machines are located in the middle-area of the ground-floor level just to the right as you exit the Main St. elevators.

Contacts and Links

The court is open to your suggestions to enhance your access to our facilities and services. Please email your comments and suggestions to the Peoria County Disability Coordinator, Stefanie Dwyer: disibilitycoordinator@peoriacounty.org

Request for accommodations: <https://10thcircuitcourtil.org/158/Accessibility-Policy>

Office of the Illinois Attorney General Disability Rights Bureau:

<http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/>

Chicago

100 West Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois 60601
1-312-814-5684
TTY: 1-800-964-3013

Springfield

500 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
1-217-524-2660
TTY: 1-877-844-5461