

My Trip to the Courthouse

Allegheny County

Getting Ready to Leave for Court



Before we leave for court, I may want to pack a bag in case I have to wait a long time to see the Judge.

I might want to take a fidget or a snack. If I forget my headphones, sunglasses, or fidgets, I can ask for them at the courthouse.

The courthouse might also be loud. I should pack my noise-reduction headphones.



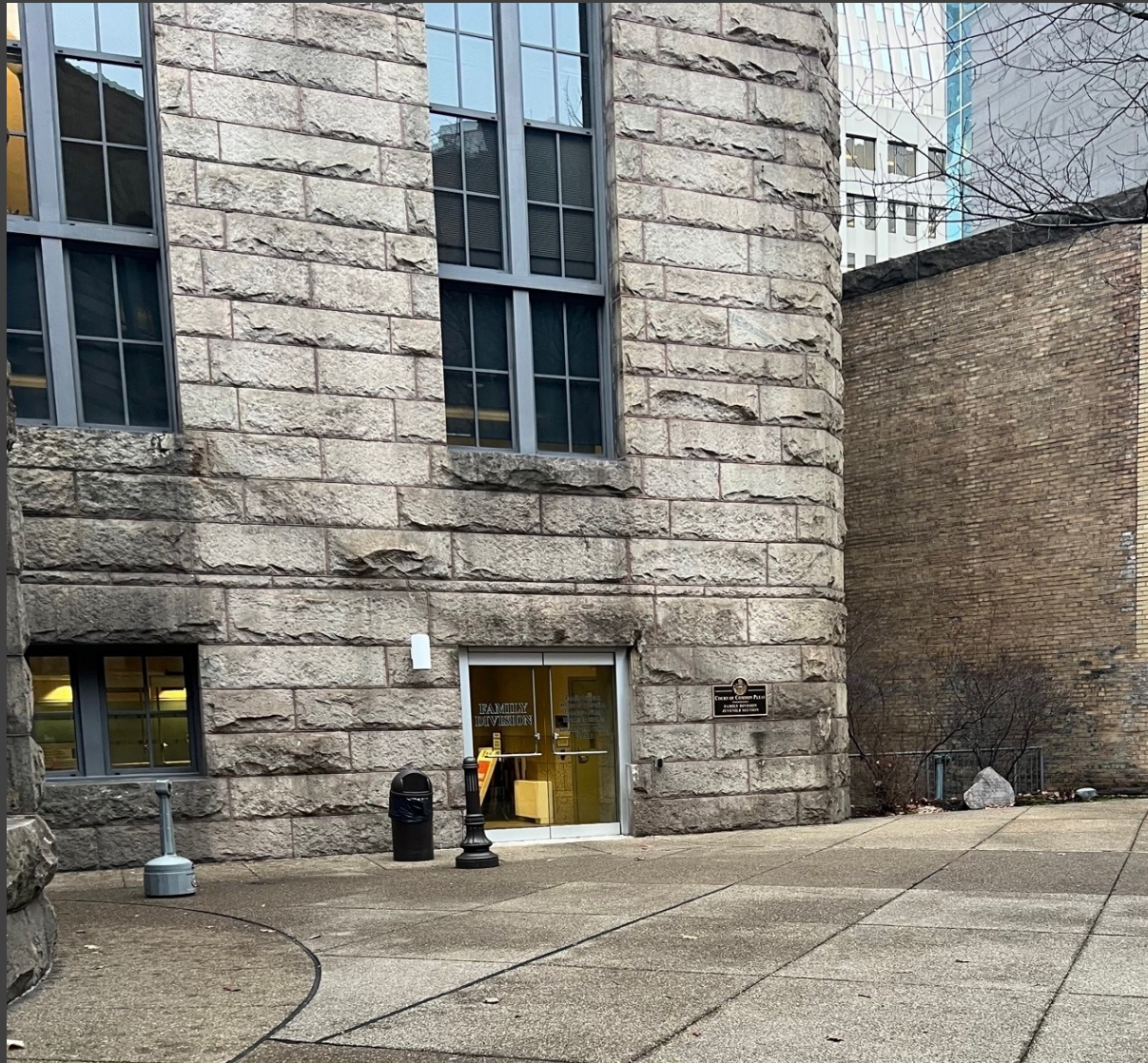
The Courthouse



Arriving at the Courthouse

When we get to the courthouse, we might have to go through large doors, to get inside the courthouse.





Juvenile Court Entrance

Sometimes we may need to use the Juvenile Court Entrance to go into the courthouse.

Security

Once we are inside the courthouse, we will need to go through security. They may look through my bag and put it through a machine. This is okay! Security helps keep everyone safe. I want to be safe too!



Walking to the Courtroom

We will walk through the hallway to get to our courtroom. There might be a lot of people and noise in the hallway.

We will need to ride the elevator to get to my courtroom. It is a very short ride, so it will be okay.



Waiting Areas



We may have to wait outside the courtroom until we are invited inside.

That is because the courthouse is busy, and everyone is taking their time to make careful decisions.

It is important to stay with my grown-up.

If I have to go to the bathroom, I just need to ask the grown-up with me.

Fun While You Wait



While you wait to go into your hearing, you can play with fun toys and computer games.

Playground

If the weather is nice outside, I can play at the playground while waiting for my court hearing.

My grown-up can help me go to the playground.



Sensory Room

While I wait to go into the courtroom, I can go into the Sensory Room if I do not want to be in the Waiting Areas.



Inside the Sensory Room

Inside the Sensory Room, there are different types of seats, toys, and a bubble tube. This room helps us find ways to relax while we wait.



While in the Sensory Room



You can change the Sensory Room! You can change the lights from bright to dim. You can also add bubbles to the bubble tube.

This is a fun way to spend time!



Inside the Courtroom

When we are invited into the courtroom, I will see a lot of people. I will be asked to sit in a special spot. The judge will sit at the front of the courtroom. The judge will want to see me and ask me questions. That is because the judge wants to know me!

Leaving the Courthouse

We will have to wait for our ride to pick us up when we leave the courthouse.

It will be noisy on the street. There are lots of cars and people.

I need to remember to stay with my grown-up.

