



Going to Court in Tennessee: Tips for People with Disabilities

- **PLAN AHEAD**

Find out if the place you want to go will be accessible to you. Think about help you may need when you arrive. You may need court to move so you can get in. You may need a sign language interpreter. You may need Braille documents. You may need other help due to your disability.

- **GIVE NOTICE**

The person you should contact if you need court to move or other help is called an ADA Coordinator. Tell the Coordinator ahead of time if you need court to move or other help. Try to give 5 business days notice.

- **THINK ABOUT GIVING PROOF OF YOUR DISABILITY**

You do not have to give proof of your disability when you first ask for help. You may have to give proof later if the Coordinator asks you to. You may get help faster if you do go ahead and provide proof when you ask for help. Proof could be a doctor's note. Proof could be a copy of your accessible parking placard.

You can contact the local Judicial Program ADA Coordinator for your county if you need court to move or to ask for other help. Contact information for local judicial program ADA Coordinators is online at <http://www.tsc.state.tn.us/administration/human-resources/ada-policy>. The State's Judicial Branch ADA Policy is also online at that link.

You can also contact the State Judicial Program ADA Coordinator if you are unable to contact the local Coordinator or need more help. You can contact the State Coordinator at (615) 741-2687 or 800-448-7970. You can also contact the State Coordinator by mailing a letter to 511 Union Street, Suite 600, Nashville, TN 37219 or e-mailing adacoordinator@tncourts.gov.

If you have problems getting the help you need to go to court, please contact DLAC's Advocacy Assistance Unit at 1-800-342-1660 or 1-888-852-2852 (TTY).

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