

JURY INFORMATION

In order to be eligible to serve as a trial juror, you must be

- 18 Years of age or older,
- A resident for at least 30 days of the state and of the city, town or county in which you are called for jury service
- A citizen of the United States

Effective October 1, 2007 jurors are randomly selected from a combined list of registered voters, licensed drivers and holders of Montana ID cards. The jury service term for the Twenty-Second Judicial District, Big Horn County lasts for one year, from July 1st through June 30th.

When you are selected for the one year jury term you will be given notice by mail and asked to complete a jury questionnaire. Montana law requires that you complete the juror questionnaire and return it to the Clerk of Court within seven (7) days of receiving it. If you lose the jury questionnaire that was mailed to you, click on this link [Jury Questionnaire](#) to download a replacement. If you require the document in another format, please contact us.

If you believe jury service would cause you undue hardship, you may complete the Affidavit For Excuse From Jury Service. The affidavit must be signed and your signature witnessed by a notary public. The district judge will review your request to be excused from jury service and you will be notified of the judge's decision. **You must fill out the entire questionnaire even if you request to be excused from jury service.** If you have submitted your questionnaire without any excuse being offered, we will assume that you are ready and willing to service as a juror.

When you are needed to serve on a specific trial, you will be notified of the date by mail. Many times after you have been selected for a particular case, the case is settled before the time you are ordered to report. We will attempt to notify you when this happens so it is important to make sure your questionnaire has been turned in. In the jury summons it will also state for you to call our office the day before a trial date to make sure it is still going. By avoiding all possible inconvenience to you, your family and your employer, we believe that you will find your experience as a juror interesting and rewarding.