

Before Heading to Court

What should I bring to court with me?

You should bring:

- 1. Identification (example: driver's license, passport).
- 2. DD214 or military ID.
- Pictures or documents that can be used to disprove the accusations against you. For example, if you have been cited for driving without car insurance but you did have car insurance at the time, bring a copy of your insurance card with you.
- 4. Paper and a pen. Use it to write down any information you might need or questions you would like to ask your attorney.



Why should I bring my DD214 to court?

Some courts have special processes, judges, and attorneys for veterans and will look at your DD214 to confirm your veteran status. If you are interested in this, you can ask your attorney or the judge for information on a Veterans Court.

How should I dress when going to court?

Courthouses have a dress code. Wear a clean, neat outfit. For example, a dress, suit, or pants with a collared shirt or blouse. Try to avoid:



- Clothes with holes or that are sheer
- Items that have foul language
- Inappropriate or political images

Where can I find out what courthouse I need to go to?



Your citation lists the courthouse information.

If you lost your citation, you can call a nearby courthouse for more assistance.

For courthouse details and logistics visit: https://azcourthelp.org/home/find-my-court

Will I need an attorney?

It depends. If there a chance of getting jail time for the crime you have been accused of, you will have the right to an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, the court assigns one, called a public defender. The court may require you to fill out financial forms to prove that you cannot afford an attorney.

What if I need accommodations for a disability or language difficulties?

Before your hearing, call the court to talk to the clerk about what accommodations you may need. For example:

Trouble Walking or Climbing Stairs

Where should I park?
Where is the handicapped entrance?

Service Animals

Do I have to provide my pet's service animal certificate?

Do you allow comfort animals? What types of animals are allowed?



Hearing Loss

Do you have sound amplifiers for the hearing? Can you provide an ASL interpreter?

Language Access

I am more comfortable with another language, can I request an interpreter?

Can an interpreter be provided for a witness or family member in the courtroom?