



Access by the Public to County and District Law Libraries: Recommended Guidelines

LibraryCo operates under the mandate — for the purpose of developing and enhancing skills for the “competent lawyer” in Ontario. Each of the 48 law libraries in the system which is administratively overseen by LibraryCo, is separately operated and managed by its local county or district law association and provides information and resources for lawyers in the province of Ontario through funding from LibraryCo. County and district law libraries are not mandated to serve the public but reasonable requests for access by members of the public will be granted according to the following guidelines.

The following guidelines apply to the members of the public using a County or District Law Library.

- 1. County or District law libraries are open to the public only during regular business hours and when staff is present.**
- 2. In order to use the law library, members of the public are asked to check in with the law library staff upon arrival.**
- 3. Materials, resources and equipment are for the primary use of lawyers. Members of the public may use these resources in accordance with licensing agreements and only when they are not in use by lawyers.**
- 4. Members of the public are advised that it is not permitted to seek legal advice from either law library staff or lawyers using the law library.**
- 5. Materials must be consulted within the law library and cannot be borrowed or removed from the law library.**
- 6. Commercial electronic resources which are limited by contract for lawyer use only, will not be available to the public.**
- 7. Law library staff is not able to provide training on the use of either electronic or print materials to members of the public.**
- 8. Members of the public must obey the rules of use of the particular law library in order to have access to the library.**
- 9. Tours of the law library by school groups are at the discretion of local staff.**
- 10. Failure to abide by these guidelines may result in no further access being granted.**