

## Attending an Inquiry Hearing

Inquiry hearings are held at the Manitoba College of Social Workers' office at 101-2033 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba unless a different venue is indicated.

Seating is limited. Pre-registration is required at least 2 business days in advance of the hearing. To inquire about available seating to observe a hearing, contact MCSW at 204-888-9477 or [info@mcsw.ca](mailto:info@mcsw.ca).

Dates of hearings are subject to change at any time. If you plan to attend a hearing, please confirm whether dates have changed by checking the hearing information posted on the MCSW website.

### All visitors (including media):

- Arrive 10 minutes in advance of the hearing. Latecomers will be seated during breaks in the hearing at the discretion of MCSW staff.
- Visitors are prohibited from carrying into, or using while inside the inquiry hearing room, any audio/visual/recording equipment including video cameras, still photography equipment, laptop computers, smart phones and tape recorders.
- Turn off all pagers, alarms, cell phones and other electronic devices before entering the hearing room.
- There must be no reporting in the media of any information that would identify the investigated member, including the member's name, business name or location of practice, unless and until the Inquiry Panel makes a finding under section 51 of the Social Work Profession Act [Subsection 47(1)]\*\*.
- Eating or drinking in the hearing room is not permitted (with the exception of bottled water)
- Disruptive behavior of any kind (i.e. talking loudly, gesturing) is not permitted and may result in removal from the hearing room
- Visitors are not permitted to approach any of the participants involved in the hearing

### Private Hearings

In some cases, an Inquiry Panel may exclude the public from a hearing, or any part of it, to prevent the disclosure of certain information.

*\*\* Failure to comply with reporting prohibitions is an offence punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 as per Subsection 68(1) of the Act.*