

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.

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.

Inquiry Hearing Guidelines

- Attendees at an Inquiry Hearing are observers and have no role in the proceedings
- Attendees are prohibited from using any audio and/or visual recording equipment including video cameras, still photography equipment, laptop computers, smart phones and tape recorders.
- Disruptive behavior of any kind is not permitted and may result in removal from the hearing
- 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)].
- 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.

In-person hearings

- All pagers, alarms, cell phones and other electronic devices must be off/silent before the commencement of an in-person hearing.
- Attendees are not permitted to approach or speak to any of the participants involved in the hearing.

Virtual hearings

- Attendees must set audio to mute for the duration of the hearing.
- Attendees are not permitted to use the chat function to communicate with the parties to the hearing or any other participants.

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.

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