

60 NOTETAKING NOT ALLOWED

Do not take notes during the trial. You may not take notes because:

COMMENT

This instruction was approved in 2017. It was adapted from Wis JI-Civil 60.

If notetaking is not allowed, the court must state the reasons for the determination on the record. See Wis. Stat. § 805.13(2). See the commentary to JI-Children 61.

The stating of reasons need not be done in the presence of the jury, but it is probably a good practice to tell the jurors why they are not being allowed to take notes.

See supreme court rationale in *Fischer v. Fischer*, 31 Wis.2d 293, 304, 142 N.W.2d 857 (1965).