

100 CONFIDENTIALITY: PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTION

Because this case involves (a child) (children) and is being heard by the Children's Court, these proceedings are confidential. The child(ren) and the family involved in these proceedings have a statutory right to the protection of their identities. I caution you that any person, including a juror, who discloses the identity of the child(ren) or the family is subject to sanctions for contempt of court.

The bailiff will restrict access to the courtroom. These proceedings are closed to the general public.

[If the child(ren) (is) (are) not expected to be in the courtroom, add: Under the laws that govern this proceeding, I have excused the child(ren) from having to appear in person.]

COMMENT

This instruction was approved in 1996 and was revised in 2008 and 2017.

See Wis. Stat. § 48.299(1) for the exclusion of the public from proceedings and the requirement of confidentiality.

Wis JI-Children 200, 220, and 300, which are preliminary instructions, also contain language regarding the requirement of confidentiality.