

# INFORMATION FOR QUALIFIED BLAINE COUNTY JURORS

**TERM OF SERVICE:** The Blaine County service term for Jury Duty is for two (2) consecutive months. It is possible that you will be selected to appear up to five times during the two months you are serving.

## ---TERMS OF SERVICE---

**JAN/FEB, MAR/APR, MAY/JUNE, JULY/AUG, SEPT/OCT, NOV/DEC**

(Individual terms are listed on mailed out forms)

### **JURY DUTY PROCEDURE:**

**JURORS SELECTED TO APPEAR FOR A TRIAL WILL RECEIVE A "JURY SUMMONS" BY MAIL APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE TRIAL DATE. IT IS VITAL THAT YOU CHECK YOUR MAIL AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK DURING YOUR TWO MONTHS OF SERVICE.**

***\*YOU DO NOT NEED TO CALL IN UNTIL YOU RECEIVE A SUMMONS BY MAIL.\****

### **ONCE A SUMMONS IS RECEIVED**

Jurors should call the number listed below, after 6:00 PM, the night before the trial

**208-788-5529**

- A recorded message will advise jurors if the trial is still on schedule or if it has been cancelled.
- Please listen to the ENTIRE message. There may be more than one scheduled jury trial the same week.

- **EXCUSED ABSENCES/POSTPONMENTS:** Every citizen is obligated to fulfill his or her jury service when called. There are no exemptions from jury service in Idaho. The court does not encourage excused absences and postponement requests. If you feel you must make such a request, submit a detailed written request to the court explaining the proposed absence and which dates you will need to be excused, or when you will be available for jury service within the next four (4) months. The request must be received in the Clerk's office at least seven (7) days prior to the requested excused dates. **ALL REQUESTS MUST BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE JUDGE OR THE JURY COMMISSIONER. REQUESTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY TELEPHONE.** Requests may be sent to the Jury Commissioner via email to [jury@co.blaine.id.us](mailto:jury@co.blaine.id.us), faxed to 788-5527, delivered in person, or mailed to: 201 2nd Ave So. Ste. 106, Hailey ID 83333. You will receive a response to your request via email, mail or by phone call. You may also call 788-5521 with any questions.
- **FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR A TRIAL:** Should you fail to appear for a scheduled trial, you could be found in contempt of court. You would be required to appear before the presiding Judge to explain the circumstances of your absence. The maximum penalty for failing to appear for a jury trial is a fine of \$5,000 and a jail sentence of up to five (5) days or both.
- **COMPENSATION:** A juror shall be paid mileage for his/her travel expenses to and from his/her residence to the location of the trial, at the rate of 0.56 cents per mile and shall be compensated at the rate of \$25.00 for each full day of service and \$12.50 for each half day of service or portion thereof, unless the juror travels more than thirty miles from their residence. In the event that the juror travels more than thirty miles, he/she shall receive \$25.00 for each half-day of service. **IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO RECEIVE PAYMENT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE JURY COMMISSIONER.**
- Please do not bring family members or children to the Courthouse. Daycare is not available.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** If you have any questions regarding your Jury Service, please contact the Blaine County Court Clerk's office at [jury@co.blaine.id.us](mailto:jury@co.blaine.id.us) or 788-5521. This information is also available online at [www.blainecounty.org](http://www.blainecounty.org).