



General Litigation

*A social story to help explain the
general litigation process*

How to Use a Social Story

Social stories are visual ways to help explain complex processes and ideas to children and to people who benefit from concrete, visual explanations. The social stories can be modified to fit any situation.

Tips for using the social story:

Introduce the story early to help prepare the person for what is going to happen.

If possible, modify the story to fit the needs of the individual. Including specific people or places may be helpful.

Read the social story to the person several times, on several occasions before the event in order to allow the person time to become familiar and process the information.

This social story is for informational purposes only and not for the purpose of providing legal advice.

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Today, I am going to court.

To get to the court, I will have to go through security.



I may have to wait in line. Security officers will tell me what to do. I may need to take off my belt or jacket or empty my pockets.



There are many people
that participate
in a court hearing.

My attorney is there to represent me.



I should listen to my attorney.



If I don't understand what my attorney
says, I will tell my attorney.



He or she will help make sure
I understand.

There may be other attorneys there.
The other attorneys may ask me
questions.



They are there to represent other people
in the case.



There will be a Judge.
The Judge listens to all of the parties and
decides what to do.

There may be others at the hearing, too. There will be a court reporter writing down everything that is said. If I am confused about what is happening, or who someone is, I should ask my attorney.



The most important thing is to tell the truth when someone asks me a question. If I don't understand, I should ask my attorney.

After the hearing, my attorney will talk to me and tell me what will happen next.



I can always ask my attorney questions and he or she will help me understand.



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