



UPDATE ON SYDNEY COURTHOUSE

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The Sydney courthouse will reopen to the public on Monday, Feb. 27, 2023; however, some court operations and public access will continue to be affected while crews complete longer term repairs in the building.

Starting Monday, visitors will be able to enter the courthouse at 136 Charlotte Street through the main entrance on the 1st Floor. Members of the Bar are advised that until further notice, the Barristers Lounge on the 4th Floor will be closed to lawyers; however, if counsel need to access robes or other belongings in this space, they can make a request through court staff. Also, due to safety reasons, lawyers will not be able to access the courthouse building after hours.

Three of the courtrooms on the 1st and 2nd Floors will remain closed while repairs in those spaces continue. Provincial Court criminal matters that would normally be held in those courtrooms will be conducted in other courtrooms in the Sydney courthouse.

Supreme Court (General Division) matters will proceed in person in the Sydney courthouse. Matters in the Supreme Court (Family Division) are also being handled in person and by telephone, as needed.

There may be instances where in-person civil or family proceedings in the Supreme Court need to be held at an off-site location. If that happens, court staff will contact counsel and self-represented individuals directly with more information.

If anyone is unsure of the status of their matter in Sydney, they should contact Court Administration staff for assistance. Contact information is available online [here](#).

Until further notice, anyone attending court proceedings in person in Sydney is advised that there is only one public elevator operating in the building. Individuals are encouraged to arrive early for court in case there are delays accessing the elevator. The stairs to the upper levels will also remain open to the public.

Starting Monday, Feb. 27, the drop box for filing documents will be removed from the front entrance. Counsel and self-represented individuals will be able to file their documents as per regular processes with Court Administration.

Further updates on operations in Sydney will be provided as the situation evolves.

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