



Need to Upload Your Evidence for a Court Case? Learn about the MN Digital Exhibit System (MNDES)

This fact sheet talks about how to use the **Minnesota Digital Exhibit System (MNDES)** and where to get more help with MNDES. Starting January 1, 2025, everyone must use MNDES.

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Scan the QR code or go to www.lawhelpmn.org/MNDES to go to the online version of this fact sheet. The online version has links to the websites and Court Quick Reference Guides we talk about in this fact sheet.



What is Evidence?

If you want the judge or jury to make their decision based on your evidence, you have to follow the court rules to have your evidence “admitted” to court. When evidence is used during a court case, it is called an **“exhibit”** to your case.



The rules about exhibits can be complicated. They apply both before your case and during your hearing or trial. Read the court’s information on [Evidence and Exhibits](#) to learn more.

What is the Minnesota Digital Exhibit System (MNDES)?

MNDES is a website that lets you securely share your exhibits with the court and the other parties in your case. If you have a hearing, you use MNDES to submit your exhibits. Starting January 1, 2025, everyone has to use MNDES for their exhibits.

How Do I Get to MNDES?

On a **Computer**:

- Go to www.mncourts.gov
- Click “Help Topics” in the top menu
- Click “Help Topics – A to Z”
- Click “Minnesota Digital Exhibit System (MNDES)”
- Click the **“MNDES Login >>”** button at the bottom of the page

On a **Phone**:

- Go to www.mncourts.gov
- Click the 3 white lines on the top right of your screen.



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Don’t have a computer or printer/scanner? Check your local library or search for a [Legal Kiosk](#) that has a printer/scanner. Legal Kiosks are free to use.

How Do I Login or Create a MNDES Account?

When the MNDES website opens:

- Click “Login/Register” in the center screen, or on the upper right corner of the page
- **If you already have an account:** Login with your email address and password
- **If you don’t have an account yet:** Click “Sign up now” below the Sign in button to create your account
 - Enter your email and click “Send verification code”
 - Check your email for the verification code
 - Enter the code, click “Verify Code”
 - Create and confirm your password
 - Enter your First Name and Last Name
 - Click “Create”
 - Read the Registration Terms for MNDES. Scroll to the bottom and click “Accept Terms”

For more information, see the Court’s guide on [Creating and Managing a MNDES Account](#).

How Do I Use MNDES?

1. Save your evidence onto the computer or your phone. If you need a printer or scanner, check your local library or search for a [Legal Kiosk](#) that has a printer/scanner.

Does your exhibit have **personal or financial information**? These might be things like social security numbers or bank account numbers. Before you scan or take a picture of the document, “redact” the personal or financial information. Use dark tape or cut a piece of thick paper to put over the information so that you can’t see it.

2. **Upload your exhibits into MNDES.** Follow the instructions in the court’s [Quick Reference Guide on Uploading Exhibits](#).

- Upload each exhibit as a **separate file**. Don’t put multiple pictures or documents together. **BUT**, if you have a document that is more than one page, upload the entire document as one exhibit.
 - **Example:** You have a 3-page letter from your doctor and 3 photos that show damage to your car. You should have 4 exhibits total: 1 exhibit for the entire letter and 1 exhibit for each photo.
- Write a **Description** for each exhibit that lets you easily remember what the exhibit is.
 - **Example:** Picture of rear passenger door
- Check if the judge said you should **number your exhibits**. The instructions might be in something called a “Scheduling Order.”
- Choose the **Exhibit Type** from the drop-down menu: Document, Image, Video Recording, or Audio Recording.
- Choose your **Party Affiliation** from the drop-down menu: Plaintiff/Petitioner or Defendant/Respondent. If you are not sure, check the top of any court paperwork you got, and it should say one of the words after your name.



3. **Usually, you must share your exhibits with the other parties in your case.** Follow the instructions in the court’s [Quick Reference Guide on Sharing Exhibits](#).
4. If you need to **change the exhibit details** or **delete an exhibit**, follow the instructions in the court’s Quick Reference Guides on [Updating Exhibit Details](#) and [Requesting Exhibit Deletion](#).

Where Can I Get More Help?

For help from a lawyer, search the [LawHelpMN Providers and Clinics Directory](#).

For help with things like court forms, tools to help you complete court forms, questions about court process or procedure, and help preparing for your day in court, get support from a [Court Self-Help Center](#):

- Call the Statewide Self-Help Center: (651) 435-6535
- [Email](#) the Statewide Self-Help Center
- Check the [Self-Help Center website](#) for courts that have in-person help
- Check if your county has a [Legal Advice Clinic](#)

For help **using MNDES**, contact the [MNDES Support Team](#).

- **By Phone**
 - Twin Cities Metro (calling from area codes 612, 651, 763, or 952) or international: **(651) 413-8160**
 - All other callers: **(833) 707-2791**
- **By Email:** fill out the [contact form](#)

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