

how to defer jury duty

Let's face it. Jury duty can be a drag, but most of all it's not always convenient when we're called up to service. So how can you defer jury duty?

It's important to be well aware that the courts are notorious for turning down requests to be excused. Just because your excuse to defer jury duty might be good enough for you, be warned – it may not be good enough for the courts.

When you get your summons notice check the date and refer to your calendar or diary to see if there is a legitimate reason why you should be allowed to defer jury duty.

Perhaps you are getting married on that date, have booked a vacation or are due to have a baby? These could pass as legitimate reasons to defer jury duty.

Think about other reasons for being able to defer jury duty. For example, would doing jury duty result in financial hardship? Maybe you are the primary caregiver to someone in your house?

The next step is to call the courts and ask to defer jury duty. The phone number should be on the summons. It helps to have an alternative day you can appear as a juror. If you are not given exemption you will need to appear in court on the day stated on your summons and then give reasons why you should be allowed to defer jury duty.

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