

## **Discipline Hearing Visitor Guidelines**

Discipline hearings are conducted under the authority of the *Health Professions Act*.

1. Hearing dates and times are subject to change or cancellation up to the commencement of the hearing. Anyone planning to attend a hearing should check CMTBC's website for updates.
2. The location of the hearing will be posted on CMTBC's website. Hearings are generally not held at CMTBC's offices.
3. Anyone planning to attend a hearing is asked to contact CMTBC to register. Seating is limited, and if necessary, seating preference will be given in order of registration.
4. The number of seats available to the public in the hearing room will be at the discretion of the Chair of the hearing panel. Visitors will not be permitted to stand during the hearing.
5. Food and beverages (water excepted) are not permitted in the hearing room.
6. At any point in a hearing, the hearing panel may order that part or all of the hearing will be held in private. Visitors may not attend the private portion of a hearing.
7. Any visitor who talks during a hearing or otherwise disrupts the proceedings may be required by the Chair to leave the hearing room.

### *Permitted Use of Electronic Devices*

(In the following paragraphs, an "electronic device" means any device capable of transmitting and/or recording data or audio, including smartphones, cellular phones, computers, laptops, tablets, notebooks, personal digital assistants, audio recorders, or other similar devices.)

8. A person may use an electronic device to send or receive text in a manner that is silent and does not interfere with the proceedings.
9. Photography or video recording of a hearing is not permitted under any circumstances.
10. Audio recording of a hearing is not permitted, with the sole exception that accredited media may use electronic devices to audio record a proceeding to verify their notes.
11. The Chair has the final authority to determine what, if any, use can be made of electronic devices in the hearing room.

By attending a hearing of the College of Massage Therapists of British Columbia, a visitor is assumed to have agreed to the above guidelines. Any visitor may be required to leave, or may be denied attendance, at the discretion of the hearing panel Chair.