



CIRCULAR TO ALL CHAMBERS

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**Use of Electronic Devices in the Court Building**

Court users are advised that, following recent incidents, revised and clarified restrictions on the use of electronic devices have now been implemented with immediate effect.

On the direction of the Chief Justice, the following prohibition applies in all courtrooms and throughout the court building:

**All mobile telephones and any other electronic devices capable of communication, sound and audio recording, image capture or transmission must be switched off and kept out of sight at all times within the courtrooms and building.**

This prohibition applies whether or not the device is in silent, flight, or similar mode.

The use of such devices for research and text-based communication is permitted **only** for **court staff, accredited members of the press and practising legal representatives.**

These measures are necessary to preserve the integrity of court proceedings and the orderly administration of justice.

Lawyers are requested to draw this prohibition to the attention of their clients and any persons attending court with them.

Clear signage reflecting the above prohibition has been placed within the court building and court staff have been instructed to enforce compliance.

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Chief Executive