

**ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBAL COURT
POLICY ON GIVING INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC**

The court staff will try to help the public with information about the court; however, they are not allowed to give “legal advice.”

Information court staff is allowed to give to the public:

- Court staff can answer general questions on how the court works.
- Court staff can give information about local legal service agencies.
- Court staff can give general information about court rules, procedures and practices.
- Court staff can provide the public with court schedules and how to get their cases scheduled.
- Court staff can provide the public with court forms with written instructions on how to fill out the forms.
- Court staff can provide general information about court deadlines.
- Court staff can tell you whether or not a court order had been issued and what the order is.

Court staff is not allowed to do the following:

- Court staff cannot explain what a judge’s decision is.
- Court staff cannot allow you to speak to a judge about a case that is or may be in court.
- Court staff cannot talk to the judge for you.
- Court staff cannot change an order from a judge.
- Court staff cannot refer you to specific lawyers or contact lawyers for you.
- Court staff cannot give you any type of legal advice.
- Court staff cannot advise you on how the court may rule on your case.
- Court staff cannot advise you on what procedures will be applied to your case.
- Court staff cannot give you an opinion on how the judge may rule on your case.
- Court staff cannot advise you whether or not you should bring your case to court.
- Court staff cannot tell you how to complete court forms or complete the forms for you.
- Court staff cannot correct court forms for you.
- Court staff cannot tell you what to say or do in court.

Court staff is instructed that when they are not able to answer general questions about the court they may suggest that you contact an attorney to assist you.