

Using AI? Read this first.

Generative AI is a tool that can help you write or explain things, but it can make mistakes. Use it carefully—especially for legal issues.

AI may be able to help you:

- ✓ Write drafts of letters, forms, or court papers;
- ✓ Fix grammar and improve your writing;
- ✓ Explain legal words in plain language;
- ✓ Understand steps in a court case;
- ✓ Find legal information from trusted websites; and
- ✓ Organize your thoughts before talking to a lawyer.

Follow these guidelines to use AI safely:

- ✓ Make sure the **court allows you** to use AI.
- ✓ Double-check anything AI gives you.
- ✓ Ask AI to give sources, and **check them yourself**.
- ✓ Check that websites or forms are **from California** and from a trusted source, like a court.
- ✓ You must make sure all court papers are **correct**, even if AI helped.
- ✓ Talk to a **lawyer** for legal help.
- ⚠ AI is **not a lawyer**.
- ⚠ It may give **wrong answers**, even if it claims to be accurate.
- ⚠ AI translation between English and another language **can have mistakes**, especially with legal words.
- ⚠ It may give advice that **does not** fit your case.
- ⚠ **Don't share** personal or private information.

If you need help with your court case or have questions about the law in California, go to selfhelp.courts.ca.gov or contact your court's self-help center.



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