

FRAGRANCE/JURY ROOM

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A juror was here the other day and stated he has a reaction to perfumes and colognes used by others. Although he did not advise me at the time, he has since written a strongly-worded letter stating that he has an ADA cardio-pulmonary disability that is exacerbated by fragrance. He argues that legislation should be enacted to disallow use of fragrance in public places and that this should be printed on our jury summons. Interestingly, he did not provide a doctor's medical exemption request.

1	Sherry Spears	Fresno - We've had a couple of jurors report who have this kind of sensitivity and have let them sit inside the public counter area just outside of the assembly room. If they can't serve we would handle as we would any medical excuse. If we received an ADA accommodation request I would provide the judicial council form to the juror.
2	Diane Collins	Mendocino has a CLEAN AIR POLICY that is posted on signs throughout the courthouse and is on our jury summons. It reads: Please refrain from using colognes, perfumes, lotions, fragrance oils, hair spray or other applications that may trigger allergic reactions in others. It used to also include "deodorant" but I asked them to PLEASE take that one off the list. I wouldn't want to have to sit in a jury box for days next to someone NOT using deodorant!