



PROVINCIAL COURT  
OF SASKATCHEWAN

## CRIMINAL PRACTICE DIRECTIVE 8

### PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES

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Effective: October 1, 2026

#### Purpose

This Practice Directive sets out the procedure to arrange preliminary inquiries in the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan.

#### Application

This Practice Directive applies to all Provincial Court locations in Saskatchewan.

#### Directives

1. A preliminary inquiry hearing date will not be scheduled in a matter requiring an election until an election is recorded and, unless the presiding judge in docket court orders otherwise, all applicable procedures set out in section 536.3 of the *Criminal Code* are completed.
2. A request for a preliminary inquiry must be made at the time of election (if applicable) or within a time fixed by the presiding Judge in docket court.
3. If the Crown or counsel for the accused requests a preliminary inquiry, that party shall complete and file a statement of issues and witnesses in Form PD-8-1: Statement Identifying Issues and Witnesses. Form PD-8-1 is to be filed with the Court prior to the appearance in docket court to fix the date for the preliminary inquiry. Self-represented accused are not required to complete Form PD-8-1.
4. Where the Crown intends to rely on s. 540(7) or s. 715.1 of the *Criminal Code*, it shall complete Form PD-8-3: Crown Statement Regarding Preliminary Inquiry, serve a copy on the accused, and file a copy with the Court before the preliminary inquiry date is fixed.
5. The Crown or the accused can apply for a case management conference to assist the parties in identifying the issues, witnesses or any other matter that would promote a fair and efficient inquiry. For more general information on case management conferences refer to *Provincial Court Rule 1 – Case Management*. The Court may order a case management conference on its own motion. If a case management conference is ordered, the Court will set a date in consultation with the parties. If practicable, the case management conference will be scheduled before the Judge assigned to preside over the preliminary inquiry.

6. All admissions of fact or agreement made by the parties at a case management conference will be endorsed on *Form PD-8-2: Admissions and Agreements at Case Management Conference*, which will be signed by the parties and by the presiding Judge. *Form PD-8-2* will be filed with the Court.

## **Forms**

**Provincial Court Rule 1:** [Case Management](#)

**Form PD-8-1:** Statement Identifying Issues and Witnesses

**Form PD-8-2:** Admissions and Agreements at Case Management Conference

**Form PD-8-3:** Crown Statement Regarding Preliminary Inquiry