





7. Counsel must communicate with each other before any court appearance so that the appearance will result in something substantive happening. If not, counsel must adjourn the matter to another date without the parties having to attend court.
8. Court appearances are not required to obtain disclosure.

### ***Pre-trial conferences***

1. There will be mandatory pre-trial conferences before a judge for all initial appearance court matters that are being arraigned *for more than one day of court time* in order to determine how the matter will proceed.
2. For further direction see: [Criminal Practice Direction \(CRIM 12\): Criminal Pre-trial Conferences During COVID-19](#).

#### **History of Practice Direction**

- Original Practice Direction effective June 12, 2020.
- October 1, 2020: Housekeeping changes – reference to “more than one day” revised to “more than one day” further to the revised CRIM 12 Practice Direction.
- October 7, 2020 revised to delete historical information that was in the “Application” section.

I make this practice direction pursuant to my authority under the *Provincial Court Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 379.

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