

- b. must not be provided on a USB stick or other electronic data storage device including a video or audio file.

Section 1(a) does **not** apply to: (i) an Affidavit and Exhibits for proceedings under the *Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act*; or (ii) financial statements.

2. Affidavits and Exhibits in family proceedings must not include an intimate image of any person made by any means including a photograph, film, screenshot or video recording. Intimate image means an image in which a person in the image is nude, is exposing their genital organs, anal region or breasts or is engaged in explicit sexual activity. Instead a written description of the intimate image may be included. A judge will determine whether to admit the image itself.
3. Any intimate image that has already been filed will, on application by a party or on the Court's own motion, be sealed. The party filing may, with leave of the Court, file another Affidavit and Exhibit that does not contain the offending material.

History of Practice Direction

- Original practice direction dated December 5, 2022.
- August 3, 2023: Revised to clarify "Purpose" and s. 1.

I make this practice direction pursuant to my authority under the *Provincial Court Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 379, Rule 9(19) of the *Provincial Court (Adult Guardianship) Rules*, and Rule 160 of the *Provincial Court Family Rules*, C. Reg. 120/2020.

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