

**1.12 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR STANDARD CHARGE**  
(Approved 11/1998; Revised 8/2012)

**Q. Deliberations – No Independent Investigation**

You are not advocates for either party. You are judges of the facts.

Remember the instruction that I gave you at the opening of this case that you must not conduct any investigation or research of any nature whatsoever relating to this case. You must not use the internet or any other resource for any purpose at all relating to this case. You must not even look up the meaning of a word in a dictionary. You are to consider only the evidence presented to you in this courtroom and the instructions as to the law that I give you.

As I indicated in my preliminary instruction to you, if I determined that any one of you has violated this rule, it may result in a mistrial or in a penalty being imposed on the person who violated the rule or fails to advise the Court if another member of the jury has violated this rule.

Your sole interest as jurors is to determine the truth from the evidence that has been presented to you here in this courtroom in the case.

It is your duty, as jurors, to consult with one another and to deliberate with a view to reaching an agreement, if you can do so without compromising your individual judgment. Each of you must decide the case for yourself, but do so only after an impartial consideration of the evidence with the other jurors.