

**1.12 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR STANDARD CHARGE**  
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**U. Communications with Court (*long version*)**

After you have begun deliberations, all communications are done by sending a note from your foreperson. Knock on the door and hand the note to the attendant. No member of the jury should communicate with anyone outside the jury room except in this fashion. No member of the jury should indicate at any time how the jury stands numerically or otherwise until after you have reached a verdict. When I receive your note that you have reached a verdict, the attorneys will be gathered, and I will have the entire jury into court to receive the verdict. [Note: You may have the foreperson read the verdict sheet or the judge may ask the question on the verdict sheet and have the foreperson respond and give the vote.]

Should you desire to communicate for any other reason, you must send a note in the same fashion. After I have your note, I will discuss it with counsel and then reply to you in open court on the record.