


Courtesy accidentals

A courtesy accidental, also called a cautionary or reminder accidental, is one that, according to the rules of accidental occurrence, isn't strictly necessary before a note. But there are times when the composer wants to remind the player that an accidental is (or is not) in effect for a particular note. For example, in a measure containing several E \flat accidentals, the first E in the next measure often has a courtesy natural attached, even though the E \flat is technically canceled in the new measure. See also Cautionary Accidentals..


In Finale, here's how to control them individually (see below to control them globally):



To create a courtesy accidental with Simple Entry

1. Click the Speedy Entry tool .
2. OPTION +click to select the desired note. Notes just entered are selected automatically.
3. Press P. Finale adds a parenthesized courtesy accidental. Press P again to remove the parentheses.

To create a courtesy accidental with Speedy Entry

1. Click the Speedy Entry tool , and click the measure in question. The editing frame appears.
2. Click the notehead for which you want the accidental displayed. You can also position the insertion bar and crossbar on the notehead using the arrow keys.
3. Press the asterisk (*) key. If there was no accidental on the note, a courtesy sharp, flat, or natural now appears. (If there was an accidental on the note, it's now hidden. Press the asterisk key again to restore it.)

Courtesy Accidentals in Finale

Select all notes (arrow in upper left)

Plug-ins

Notes, Beams and Rest Editing

Cautionary Accidentals

will get you to this:

