
Know Your Rights

A QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE FOR YOU OR A LOVED ONE FACING ARREST

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During an Arrest

- ☐ **You have the right to remain silent.** You do not have to answer questions beyond identifying yourself.
- ☐ **You have the right to an attorney.** If you cannot afford one, one will be appointed to you.
- ☐ **You have the right to know why you're being arrested.** You can ask what charges are being filed.
- ☐ **You have the right to a phone call.** Use it wisely — most people call a trusted family member or their bail agent.
- ☐ **Anything you say can be used against you.** Avoid discussing details of your case with anyone except your attorney.

While in Custody

- ☐ **You have the right to humane treatment.** You should have access to food, water, and medical care.
- ☐ **You have the right to a bail hearing** (in most cases), where a judge determines if and how much bail is set.
- ☐ You do not have to discuss your case with other inmates, police, or anyone but your attorney.
- ☐ You have the right to request contact with your bail bond agent to begin the release process.

What Bail Actually Means

- ☐ Bail is not a punishment — it's a way to secure your promise to appear in court.
- ☐ A bail bond agent can post your bail for a fee (premium), typically a percentage of the total amount.
- ☐ Being released on bond does not mean the charges are dropped — your case still proceeds through the court system.

After Release

- ☐ **You must attend every scheduled court date.** Missing court can result in a warrant and forfeiture of the bond.
- ☐ You have the right to legal representation throughout your case.
- ☐ You have the right to be treated fairly and without discrimination throughout the legal process.
- ☐ You have the right to seek support — legal aid, reentry programs, and community organizations can help you navigate what's next.

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