

Do you have a court order?

COURT ORDER BREACH

What is a court order? When you were released on probation or bail, you were given conditions that you had to follow while in the community. These conditions help make sure you show up for court and do not commit other offences during release.

What is a breach? A breach occurs when the conditions are not followed.

It is a breach to disobey any condition of:

- a court sentence**
- a promise to appear in court**
- a bail release document**
- a peace bond**
- any other court order**

Some of the most common examples of breaches are

- failure to appear in court
- failure to appear for fingerprinting
- breaching release conditions
- breaching a probation order

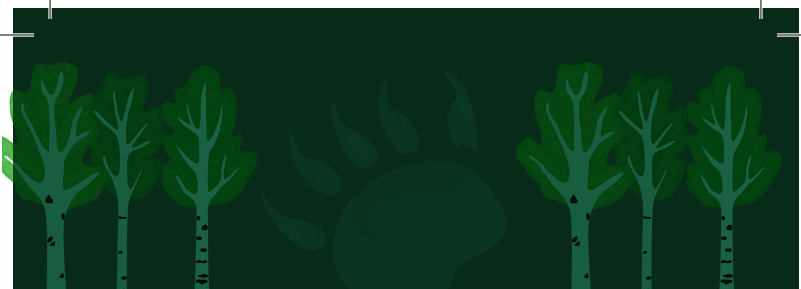
There are different types of conditions a court can give you. For example, a court can give you a curfew as a condition. If you do not obey the curfew, you may be charged with a breach.

Ask your probation officer to help you understand your court ordered conditions. Breaching your court order is a serious offence.

If you are found guilty of breaching your court order, you may be fined or sent to jail.

Call your probation officer or bail supervisor immediately if you cannot keep your appointment.

Missed appointments can lead to more charges and/or jail time



What if I cannot keep a certain condition?

IMPORTANT: If there is a good reason why you cannot keep a condition, you must take steps to deal with this.

There are GOOD reasons for asking to change a court order. These include:
change of employment hours, address or phone number
a medical condition
other routine change

The first step is to talk to your probation officer or bail supervisor about the need to change the court order.

Sometimes your request needs to be taken back to the judge for a decision.

If you feel that your probation officer or bail supervisor is not giving you the help you need, you can ask a courtworker or your lawyer for help to change your conditions.

Do not wait until you find yourself unable to keep a condition. A single breach of any condition can lead to more charges and jail time.



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