

What Is Bail And How Is It Set

1. Bail is the amount of money or other security that is deposited with the Court which permits the release of a defendant from custody. It also ensures that the defendant will appear at all court proceedings. It is set by a schedule in each county.

2. A bail bond agent is contacted who arranges to post bail at which time the defendant is released from custody. The bail agent charges the defendant a premium for assuming the risk of a defendant not appearing. If you fail to appear, the court will declare the bail forfeited. In other words, the bail security will be lost, and a new warrant will be issued for your arrest.

What To Do If You Are Stopped By The Police

All persons, whether they are citizens or not, have certain rights.

1. If you are stopped by the police or other law enforcement, stay calm. Do not be rude or overly friendly. Be polite and respectful. Do not argue with them or threaten to file a complaint against them. Stay aware of and in control of what you say, your gestures, body language and emotions.

2. Never run or walk away. Keep your hands visible so that police can see your hands at all times. Do not make any sudden movements. Do not ever touch or attempt to touch the police officer.

What To Do If You Are Arrested

1. If you are told that you will be arrested, only give your name and
 2. Do not resist arrest, even if you think you have not done anything wrong. If the police have decided to arrest you, then you will be arrested. Resisting arrest will risk you to have additional charged against you for Resisting Arrest. Also, you may get hurt while resisting arrest.
 3. If you are told you are under arrest, you should provide your name, address and telephone number, as well as the name and number of an immediate member of your family as such information will be needed for setting bail.
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What To Do When You Are Involved In A Car Accident:

1. You should never leave the scene of a car accident in which you are involved. Otherwise, you may be responsible for serious penalties, including being a hit-and-run driver.
 2. In the moments after a car accident, you may feel various emotions such as shock, nervousness, confusion, fear or even anger. These emotions are normal. However, it is important for you to calm down, by taking deep breaths, so that you can better handle the situation.
 3. Next, if you have any passengers, make sure that your passengers are not seriously injured. You should also make sure that others involved in the accident also are not seriously injured. If you are in doubt, call 911 for immediate help.
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