

PROBATION & PAROLE

SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING PROBATION & PAROLE

Disabilities

If you have a qualifying disability and cannot understand the conditions of your probation or parole, or you don't think that you can comply with the conditions because of your disability, talk to your probation or parole officer. The Americans With Disabilities Act requires that you receive the conditions in an understandable format and that barriers to your compliance be addressed.

Reporting to Probation or Parole

Prior to release, you will receive information on your assigned probation or parole officer and when to report.

Conditions of Your Release

The conditions of your probation will vary. Make sure you understand all local, state or federal conditions.

Look closely at your basic conditions – be aware of your stay away, weapons and search conditions. Think critically: Is your required housing in a stay away area? Can the people living with you support the conditions of your probation or parole?

Communicate regularly with your probation officer. Keep appointments. Make phone call check-ins. Even when conversations get tense, stay level headed. Get answers.

Be aware of the consequences of the company you keep and the places you go.

Notify probation or parole if your address or job changes.

Check with your parole or probation officer prior to making plans to travel over 50 miles from your residence, to leave your county for more than 48 hours, or to travel outside of California.

Prior to probation or parole, you should be notified of your requirement to register if you have been convicted of a specified sex, drug, or arson offense. Register at San Francisco Hall of Justice, 850 Bryant Street, Room 475.

Community Based Support and Services

This guide is filled with service providers who are committed to helping you address your needs and create a plan for a successful transition back in a community.

SAN FRANCISCO ADULT PROBATION

The mission of the San Francisco Adult Probation Department is: “Protecting the Community, Serving Justice, and Changing Lives.” When placed on probation, you may be placed on a regular or specialized caseload. You may be connected to specific programs and services, depending on your needs, as determined by you and your probation officer. The Adult Probation Department is committed to assisting you successfully complete probation, and to supporting you in having a healthier and happier life.

Contact Information:

SF Adult Probation Department
Hall of Justice
850 Bryant Street, Room 200
San Francisco, CA 94103
Phone (415) 553-1706
Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm

I’m on Probation...Now What? (Some Guidance from the SF Adult Probation Department)

Leaving jail and all other legal troubles behind is something that you have been looking forward to for quite some time now, and now it’s finally happening. If you’re lucky you got some preparation before you got out, assuming you were in custody. But now, the Judge said that you’re on probation. What does that mean? What do you have to do?

Let’s start at the basics – what is probation? Probation is a suspended state prison or county jail sentence. In other words, instead of doing time in custody, you have been given an opportunity to go back to your community provided you follow some specific conditions. All probation sentences are different; however, there are some standard conditions that apply to most if not all persons placed on probation.

1 - You need to contact the Probation Department as soon as you are released from custody. If you are released after 5:00pm, please contact the Department the next day. Offices open at 8:00am and close at 5:00pm. Main phone number is: (415) 553-1706.

2 - When you contact the Department you will need to provide our support staff with your full name and date of birth. If you have your court number, please provide it, too. Our support staff will be able to give you the name and phone number of your assigned probation officer.

3 - Your probation officer will schedule an appointment to meet with you. Please, make sure to keep your appointment and be on time. If you cannot make your appointment, you must call the day before to re-schedule.

4 - More likely than not the Court has ordered you to attend a counseling or rehabilitation program. You and your officer will choose which programs best meet your needs. It is important that you contact the program and arrange for an intake session.

5 - Stay out of trouble! We know you’re facing a lot of challenges and difficulties getting your life back together, but if you need help or support, call your officer before you do something that puts you back in jail.

CALIFORNIA STATE PAROLE

You must check in with your parole officer within 24 hours of your release from custody. The parole officer will make reasonable attempts to contact you. People placed on Non-Revocable Parole (NRP) have fewer obligations than do people placed on regular supervised parole. Some individuals may be registered under PC 290 or may need to register with the local Police or Sheriff's Department. Be sure that you understand the conditions of your parole, and work with your parole officer and community resources to successfully meet these conditions.

www.cdcr.ca.gov/parole

The CDCR Office of Community Partnerships offers resources by county on their website:

http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Community_Partnerships/Resource_Directory.aspx

San Francisco Parole Units #1 - 3

1727 Mission Street

1st and 2nd Floor

San Francisco, CA 94103

(415) 703-3164

San Francisco Parole Unit #4

110 12th Street, 1st Floor

San Francisco, CA 94103

(415) 557-7045

PACT (Parole and Community Team) Meetings

The San Francisco PACT meetings are held weekly, and are a great way to get connected to the array of community-based resources available in San Francisco. You may be required to attend at least one PACT meeting upon release.

PACT meetings have a number of community service providers in attendance each week to orient new parolees to services and resources available in San Francisco. The mission of PACT is to promote the successful parolee reintegration, parolee accountability, and public safety through enhanced partnerships. Referrals to housing, substance abuse treatment services, mentoring, jobs, and education are available at meetings.

PACT Meeting Location: Parole Unit, #4 - 110 12th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

Door is on the side of the building. Meetings are on the second floor.

When: Every Tuesday, 10:00am-12:00pm.

Contact: Harvey Sako, PACT Coordinator, (415) 557-7246, harvey.sako@cdcr.ca.gov

U.S. FEDERAL PROBATION

We are dedicated to upholding the highest standards of Judicial excellence by ensuring the fair and humane administration of justice. By our combined efforts, we provide thorough investigative reports with equitable recommendations. We supervise individuals with a commitment to compliance, community safety and correctional treatment, with a focus on positive change for each individual. We are committed to following the rule of law and treating all parties with dignity and respect. Our pledge to outstanding service is promoted by encouraging the contributions and values of a diverse staff by empowering their efforts in developing organizational unity, mutual respect and individual growth. www.canp.uscourts.gov

Contact Information:

United States Federal Probation Office for the Northern District of California

San Francisco Office

450 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 17-6884

San Francisco, CA 94102

Phone (415) 436-7540 --You will enter into an automated system. Press 0 (zero) for operator

www.canp.uscourts.gov

Guidance for Federal Probationers

You must check in with your federal probation officer within 72 hours of your release from custody. The probation officer will make reasonable attempts to contact you. Court action may result if you do not appear before your probation officer or you can't be reached.

"Release conditions" are rules set by the court that people on supervision must follow if they want to remain in the community. The court imposes release conditions to help structure the person's actions and activities. For example, release conditions may prohibit possession of guns or other weapons; prohibit contact with victims or witnesses; restrict association with certain persons; restrict travel; impose a curfew.

Among the many other release conditions the court may impose are community service, electronic monitoring, employment, mental health treatment, or substance abuse treatment. Be sure to talk to your Probation Officer about how to get connected to needed services or resources.