

Maine Pretrial Services
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What is Maine Pretrial Services?

Maine Pretrial Services is a non-profit agency providing pretrial bail supervision of defendants who are charged with crimes or probation violations and might otherwise have to wait in jail until trial.

Can anyone ask for pretrial services?

Yes. Anyone can apply for pretrial bail supervision services. If you expect to plead "Guilty" at your arraignment or to post bail you will probably not need Maine Pretrial Services.

Is everyone accepted for pretrial services?

No. Each defendant asking for pretrial bail supervision services must meet Agency requirements which are evaluated in a screening with a case manager.

Are there conditions of release I may have to obey if I'm released on pretrial bail?

Yes. The Judge may impose any pretrial bail conditions they believe necessary to make sure you appear in court and reduce risk to the community. Common conditions include not using or possess alcohol or illegal drugs, submitting to test and search for alcohol and illegal drugs, and participating in substance abuse or mental health treatment. You may have a curfew.

Maine Pretrial Services may impose conditions such as reporting in person and by telephone as directed or looking for work. If you are accepted, you will be required to sign a contract that will be presented to the judge for approval.

How do I ask for pretrial bail supervision services?

The Agency attempts to screen every defendant in jail that cannot make bail before going to Court for arraignment. To make sure an agent of Maine Pretrial Services sees you, just ask one of the jail staff for a request form. If you need help filling out the Request Form, tell one of the jail staff and an agent of Maine Pretrial Services will help you.

A Word About Legal Advice

Agents of Maine Pretrial Services are not allowed to give you legal advice. You should ask the Attorney for the Day or your own lawyer any legal questions you might have.

You have the right to remain silent about your charges per the 5th Amendment.

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Request for Maine Pretrial Services Screening

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____ Date _____

1-Are there any other criminal charges already pending against you? _____

If so, what? Where? _____

2-Are you on probation? _____ If so, who is your probation officer?

3-Have you ever failed to appear in court? _____

4-If you are released on bail, where will you live? _____

Who will you live with? and what is your relationship to them?

7-Do you have family living in Maine? _____

If so, please provide their names, addresses, and telephone numbers?

8-Would you have transportation to report to Maine Pretrial Services? _____

9-Any additional information you'd like to provide? _____
