

# HOW DOES A COURT ORDER AFFECT ME?

## **Has a judge ordered that you:**

- Keep the peace and be of good behaviour? (This means you have to obey the law and not do anything your court order does not allow.)
- Be released from custody on bail until your trial?
- Serve your sentence in the community (on probation or under house arrest)?
- Be under long-term supervision (be declared dangerous or a long-term offender)?

## **If yes, then you are under an order of the court order to follow conditions and you *must*:**

- Obey the law and the court order,
- Come to court when required, and
- Inform the court if your name or address changes.

If you do not, it may be considered a breach of your court order, and you may be charged with another criminal offence. If you are convicted of a breach of a court order, you may go to jail.

## **You must obey all the conditions in your court order. These conditions might include:**

- reporting to someone (like a probation officer or the police) as the court has ordered,
- doing community service hours,
- going to a treatment program,
- not contacting certain people,
- not going to certain places,
- obeying a curfew,
- not using alcohol or drugs, or
- not having any weapons.

### **The judge may order other conditions.**

Make sure you know what all the judge's conditions are, and ask him or her to explain any conditions you don't understand.

**If there are new circumstances**, and you think that one or more of the conditions in the order should be changed, you can apply to court for a variation (a change to the condition).

**If you commit a criminal offence** when you already have a court order, you will have to go to court again, and you may not be able to get bail or serve your sentence in the community.

If you are arrested for breach of your court order (or any other offence), contact the **Brydges Line** to speak to a lawyer at **1-866-458-5500** (call no charge).

**If you are charged with a breach of a court order**, ask for a copy of the booklet *What to Do If You Are Charged With a Breach of a Court Order* where you got this information card.



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