

# 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 supervision 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.

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 the Hall of Justice, 850 Bryant Street, Room 475.

## SAN FRANCISCO ADULT PROBATION

The mission of the San Francisco Adult Probation Department is: “Protecting the Community, Serving Justice, and Changing Lives.” 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 to 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, 8:00am – 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 business day. Offices open at 8:00am and close at 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. 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 at risk.

**POST-RELEASE COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND MANDATORY SUPERVISION**

In October 2011, the State of California implemented the Public Safety Realignment Act of 2011, also known as Assembly Bill 109 (AB109). AB 109 transferred responsibility for some of the state prisoner population from CDCR to California counties. Under AB 109, individuals who were committed to state prison for certain felonies will be released to Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS), which in most counties is administered by probation departments. In addition, AB 109 requires that individuals convicted of certain felonies serve their time in local jails, where previously they would have been sentenced to state prison. The new sentencing scheme is outlined in PC § 1170(h). If you have questions about whether you fall under AB 109, please contact your attorney.

If you are informed that you will be on Post-Release Community Supervision or Mandatory Supervision upon your release from jail or prison, you should contact the Adult Probation Department for specific information about the length and terms of your supervision. The Adult Probation Department is committed to your success and will work with you to make your return to San Francisco a safe and successful one.

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**DIVISION OF ADULT PAROLE OPERATIONS, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION**

You must check in with your parole agent within 24 hours of your release from custody. If you do not report, the parole agent will make reasonable attempts to contact you prior to issuing a warrant for your arrest. Some individuals may be required to register under PC 290 (sex offense), PC 457.1 (arson), or H&S 11590 (drug offense) with the Police Department. Be sure that you understand the conditions of your parole, and work with your parole agent and community resources to successfully meet these conditions. [www.cdcr.ca.gov/parole](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/parole)

The CDCR Office of Community Partnerships offers resources by county on their website: [www.cdcr.ca.gov/Community\\_Partnerships/Resource\\_Directory.aspx](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Community_Partnerships/Resource_Directory.aspx)

**San Francisco Parole Complex**  
 1727 Mission Street  
 San Francisco, CA 94103  
 (415) 703-3164 (Units 1, 3, & 4)

## 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](http://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](http://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.