

# How the Jail Booking Process Works

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Being arrested is a frightening situation, especially when you have to go through the booking process. **A typical booking goes through multiple steps, including getting your mug shot, your fingerprints taken, and even a difficult full-body search.** If you or a loved one have been arrested, the professionals at [Bad Boys Bail Bonds](#) can help.

## What is the Booking Process and What Does it Entail?

**Booking is the process of checking your identity, getting you into the jail system, and inputting the nature of the crime.** It involves a number of steps spread out over anywhere from an hour at its quickest to multiple hours at its slowest. The police are likely to follow this process when booking you:

- Taking down your name and the nature of your crime on a computer blotter
- Posing you for a mug shot, which will be paired with your booking record
- Noting evidence of physical altercations with the police
- Removing your clothing and your personal items and replacing your clothes with jail-appropriate ones
- Using a computer or ink-based fingerprinting system and running them through a crime database
- Conducting a full-body search
- Checking state and national records for warrants pending against you
- Health screening (including x-rays and blood tests) to make sure you don't have a dangerous disease
- Asking about any gang affiliations or outside relationships that may affect your time in jail
- Taking a sample of your DNA

## How You Can Get Out of Jail

Thankfully, you don't have to sit in jail while you wait to go on trial. **There are multiple ways that you can be let out, including paying bail, or being released on your own recognizance.** The latter point is more rare than bail, and is the most desired outcome because it doesn't require paying any money.

In simple language, being released on your Own Recognizance or O.R. is bail without money. You will provide the court with a written promise to appear in court. **The judge is likely to place certain conditions on O.R., including checking with a probation officer regularly.** This is typically likely if your alleged crime was not major, if you've lived in the community a long time, or if you are supported by family members or your place of employment.

While being released O.R. is nice, getting released on bail is likely your biggest chance of getting out of jail. **Judges set a bail using an algorithm that takes into account your age, criminal history, and the severity of your alleged crime.** It's basically a deposit that ensures you show up to your trial. It will be paid back to whoever paid it if you do show up to your trial. [Various conditions are typically set](#) on your bail, such as staying in town and not doing drugs.

## Getting Bail In Tight Situations

If you're ever in a situation where bail is set to a level you can't afford, or if you're struggling to find someone who can help, please contact us at Bad Boys Bail Bonds. **We are a Utah-based bond company that fights to provide**

***you with the money you need to get out of jail and build your legal defense.*** We offer fair and honest rates when compared to our competitors. Don't hesitate to contact us by calling us at 801-895-4014, or [requesting bail here](#).