

5 Common Myths About How Bail Bonds Work

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If you are arrested and put in jail till the end of your trial, your freedom may be suspended for weeks or months, or even much longer depending on your situation. You may need to get back to your normal daily life as quickly as possible. Getting a bail bond is often the easiest, fastest, and most affordable way to get out of jail. But, how do bail bonds work? There are some common myths about Utah bail bonds that make it seem harder to get bail money than it actually is.

5 Common Myths About Bail Bonds

Here are some common misconceptions about using a bail bondsman, and some information to clear up any confusion you may have about how bail bonds work:

MYTH 1: You must pay the bail bond company in cash.

You can pay your bond service fee in cash, but you're not *required* to do that. Bail bond agencies accept debit cards, credit cards, money orders, approved checks. Some bond companies may also accept installment payments. If you pay in installments, you must pay the full *bond service fee* amount, regardless of the outcome of your court case. There may be other arrangements you can make with your bond agency. Ask your bail bond agency what kinds of payment arrangements they can make for you.

MYTH 2: You must pay most of the bail yourself.

Using a bail bond agency allows you to pay only a small fraction of your total bail required by the court. This is how bail bonds work: You pay a small percentage of your total bail amount to the bond agent for the bond fee. This is the bond company's fee for posting bail

with the court for you so you can remain out of jail throughout your trial. The bail bond agency posts a surety bond with the court that insures the amount of bail money will be paid to the court in full if you do not appear before the judge on the dates required.

MYTH 3: You can do whatever you want while you're out on bail.

It's important to know that after you post bail, you are not allowed by the court to do everything you may want to do. You may be sent back to jail for the duration of your trial if you fail to obey the court's restrictions on your activities while you are out on bail. For example, you must appear on all the court dates assigned to you *and* maintain communication with the court. You must also obey any terms set by the judge for your release on bail, such as staying away from certain places or people until after your trial.

MYTH 4: Your bail bondsman can negotiate your bail amount for you.

A Utah bail bond agency has no involvement in determining the amount of bail the court will require you to pay. The bail amount is decided by a judge. The judge uses a list of bail amounts established based on the various kinds of criminal charges, to determine the amount of bail you must pay. But, the judge can adjust your bail amount, depending on information about your case and prior record.

MYTH 5: Everyone who is arrested is eligible for bail.

The court will determine your eligibility for bail. In some criminal cases with very serious charges, defendants might not be eligible for bail. In other cases, people are sometimes required to stay in custody until they meet specific conditions set by the court. The judge will decide whether you qualify for release on bail through the end of your trial.

To Get Bailed Out of Jail as Fast as Possible

Knowing more of the facts about how bail bonds work can make it faster to get the bail bond you need because now you know how much it will cost and the ways you can pay the fee. So, if you or a loved one need to post bail in Utah, just call your local Bad Boys Bail Bonds anytime 24/7, and we'll be here to help you. We probably have an office very near the jail.

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