

# Can You Bail Yourself Out of Jail?

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## Bail Bondsman

Going to jail is usually a situation that is stressful and upsetting. If you're like most people, one of the first things you think about is how to get out. This might lead you to wonder if you can bail yourself out of jail.

## **Bail 101**

In some instances, the judicial system allows defendants to post cash money in lieu of staying in jail until their court date. This money is known as bail and is set based on a number of factors including:

- how likely you are to flee
- the crime and its seriousness
- your financial standing
- your criminal record

The amount of bail is often tied to a sliding scale that depends on the crime. The purpose of bail is to hold you accountable for attending all your court dates. Failure to do so means that the bail is forfeited and a warrant for your arrest will likely be issued.

## **Bail Bond 101**

Many people are not able to afford to pay the cash money the court sets as bail. A bail bond could be the answer if you find yourself in this predicament.

A bail bondsman works with the court on your behalf. They promise to pay your bond if you do not attend court. In order to retain the services of a bail bondsman, you'll need to sign a contract and pay a non-refundable fee. While this fee is typically 10 percent of your bail cost, it could be a different amount depending on your circumstances.

## **Bailing Yourself Out of Jail**

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The simple answer is yes, you can bail yourself out of jail. Not surprisingly, doing so is typically not as easy as it sounds. In order to bail yourself out of jail, you must be able to pay the entire amount of your bail cost in cash. This means that you'll need to have that amount of cash on your person when you are arrested.

Many people don't have that kind of money on their person. This is where the assistance of a bail bondsman is invaluable. While most people count on a relative or friend to work with the bondsman, it is possible to do it all on your own.

There are typically a few factors that must be met in order for you to bail yourself out. These include:

- being a homeowner of a home that has equity that is at least equal to your bail
- good credit score
- first-time offense
- stable job
- long-term resident

Hiring a bondsman for your bail bonds in Salt Lake makes posting bail easier and less stressful. You won't have to worry about tying up all your cash in your bond. In addition, you don't risk forfeiting your money.

Seeking out a reputable and experienced bail bondsman in the Salt Lake City area is crucial for establishing a satisfactory relationship with the judicial system. Contact Bad Boys Bail Bonds today to learn more about how we can help you bail yourself out of jail.