BEFORE YOU SIGN

A Bail Consumer Checklist

BE INFORMED. ASK QUESTIONS. PROTECT YOURSELF.

1. **Verify the agent's state license.**
   Make sure the bail agent is properly licensed in your state.

2. **Get the full premium in writing.**
   Confirm the total amount you will pay, in writing.

3. **Ask about every extra fee.**
   Find out about all additional fees, including administrative or processing charges.

4. **Know what collateral is at risk.**
   Understand what property or assets you could lose if the bond is forfeited.

5. **Read the contract before signing.**
   Take time to read and understand all terms and conditions.

6. **Understand the payment plan total.**
   Know the full cost, including all payments and any finance charges.

7. **Keep copies of all receipts.**
   Save all documents and payment receipts for your records.

8. **Know the court dates and conditions.**
   Make sure you know all scheduled court dates and any release conditions.

A co-signer is responsible if the defendant misses court.