

Bond Hearings & Conditions of Release in South Carolina

This document provides a general overview of bond hearings and conditions of release under South Carolina law. It is intended for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice.

What Is a Bond Hearing?

A bond hearing is a judicial proceeding in which a court determines whether an individual charged with a criminal offense may be released from custody and, if so, under what conditions. Bond hearings may occur at the time of arrest or at a subsequent court appearance.

Judicial Authority

Bond determinations are governed by South Carolina statute, including S.C. Code Ann. § 17-15-10. Courts consider public safety, court appearance assurance, and the integrity of the judicial process.

Factors Considered by the Court

Courts may consider the nature of the offense, prior criminal history, risk of flight, community ties, and prior compliance with court orders when setting bond.

Conditions of Release

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 17-15-30, conditions of release may include mandatory court appearances, travel restrictions, no-contact orders, and other court-imposed requirements.

Compliance and Violations

Failure to comply with bond conditions may result in bond revocation, issuance of a bench warrant, re-arrest, and additional legal consequences.

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