

## 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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