

MY CHILD WAS ARRESTED...WHAT HAPPENS NEXT???

Follow these instructions very carefully:

1. Please make sure the court has your correct address and telephone number.
2. Call **609-463-6615** with your correct address and/or phone number if the information on the complaint is wrong.
3. Copies of your child's complaint/charges will be mailed to you.
4. You or a legal guardian must attend your child's hearings. You will get a notice to appear from the Court.

What do I do if I need an attorney?

1. If you cannot afford an attorney (and your child's case is scheduled for a counsel mandatory hearing), you will fill out a form (the 5A application).
2. You will receive a letter, application and a notice in the mail to come to the Juvenile Team Office at the Courthouse for your interview to get an attorney. The Court will determine if you will get the Public Defender based on your income.
3. If you must get an attorney on your own, do so immediately.

What if I cannot come to Court?

1. If you cannot get to Court, **YOU MUST CALL 609-463-6617**. *There is no guarantee that your court date will be rescheduled but the court will consider your request.*
2. You must get someone to give you another court date or a warrant will be issued for you and your child's arrest.

Important Phone Numbers:

Juvenile Court Intake – 609-463-6615 or 609-463-6617 – information on your case, getting a new court hearing, or questions about your child's case.

Harborfields Detention Center – 609-965-3583 or 1-800-493-5822

Additional information regarding juvenile delinquency can be found online at:

English: http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/prose11358_juv_delq_proc_child.pdf

Spanish: http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/prose11358_juv_delq_proc_child_spn.pdf