

Can a Peace Bond Help Me?



A peace bond can help if you are afraid that another person will:

- *hurt you;*
- *hurt your family; or*
- *damage your property.*

What is a Peace Bond?

A peace bond can help protect you from a person that you are afraid of. It comes from the court.

A peace bond means that the person you're afraid of has to keep the peace and have good behaviour. That person might also have to follow some other rules, such as not calling you, or going near you or your family. The judge decides what rules to put in the peace bond to protect you.

You do not need a lawyer. The judge decides how long the peace bond will last. It might be for one or two months, or up to a year.

To Get a Peace Bond:

Tell the RCMP you want a peace bond. Write down information about why you're afraid. You can take a friend with you for help and support. Your friend can go to the RCMP for you and tell them why you're afraid and why you need a peace bond.

The RCMP will tell you when to go to court. It usually takes a few days. The person you're afraid of has to be in court too. The judge, the lawyers and you can ask them questions. You might have to tell the judge why you are afraid. The judge, the lawyers and the person you are afraid of might ask you questions, too.



The judge decides if the person you are afraid of will be put on a peace bond. If the person is put on a peace bond, they must sign it and agree to follow the rules. If they don't sign, they might go to jail.

The court gives a copy of the peace bond to the RCMP and the person you are afraid of.

Ask the RCMP for a copy you can keep.

The person you are afraid of has to:

- keep the peace; and
- have good behaviour.

The judge decides what other rules are needed for your protection.

Examples of what these rules might be are:

- the person you are afraid of can't call you or have someone else call you;
- they can't go near your home or where you work; and
- they can't have a firearm.

There are some things that you need to do, too:

- keep the peace bond with you; and
- call the RCMP if the person breaks the rules.

If you want to see or talk to the person you are afraid of, you have to go back to court and get the peace bond removed. Call the RCMP and they will help you.



Call your local victim services worker for help with a victim impact statement, for information about your case or for emotional support in this difficult time:

Fort Good Hope: (867) 598-2247 or (867) 598-2352

Fort Smith: (867) 872-5911

Hay River: (867) 874-7212

Inuvik: (867) 777-5493 or (867) 777-1555

Yellowknife: (867) 920-2978 or (867) 669-1490

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