

# What you should not do

## You should not:

- break the conditions of your Curfew;
- miss any appointments to do with your sentence; or
- behave in an aggressive, racist or other unacceptable way.

## What happens if you break the rules?

If you break the rules without good reason you will receive a warning or be taken back to court. You are only allowed one warning in any 12-month period.

## If you are taken back to court the court could:

- make you do **more** Requirements;
- make you do **different** Requirements;
- make this Requirement or other Requirements you are already doing **harder**; or
- send you to prison.

The court cannot just give you a warning or a fine.

The leaflet about your Community Order or Suspended Sentence Order will tell you more about what will happen if you do not stick to the rules.

**It is very important that you keep to your Curfew times and work hard to complete your sentence.**

# Other information

**If you need help or advice** about anything to do with your sentence, you can always talk to your responsible officer.

We keep information about you in our records. It is kept safely and securely. If you want to find out about seeing this information please ask your responsible officer.

Local information:

**If you have a complaint** about the Probation Service, please talk to your responsible officer who will try to help. If you are not satisfied you can ask to talk to the unit manager. If you are still not satisfied, ask for the leaflet called 'Making a Complaint'.

If you have a complaint about an electronic monitoring company, please talk to the electronic monitoring officer and ask them for information about how to complain.

## Further information

For more information about anything in this leaflet, please talk to your responsible officer.

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# Curfew Requirement

# About your sentence

The court has sentenced you to a Community Order or a Suspended Sentence Order. There is a separate leaflet on each of these sentences.

**This** leaflet tells you about the Curfew Requirement that the court has decided you must do as part of your sentence. You might also be given other leaflets to help explain any other Requirement or Requirements the court has decided you must do.

## About the Curfew Requirement

The Curfew means that you must be at a particular place at certain times. This will be for between 2 and 12 hours at a time, depending on what the court has decided. For example, the court might decide that you must spend 12 hours every day at your home. You will need to keep to the rules of the Curfew for as long as the Requirement lasts.

You may be electronically monitored, which will help us to know where you go. If so, you will be given tagging equipment by an electronic monitoring company. They will make sure you know how to use it.

The person responsible for your sentence (your 'responsible officer') will discuss the details of your Curfew Requirement with you. This might be an officer of the Probation Service or an electronic monitoring officer.

# What your responsible officer will do

## They will:

- explain your sentence to you;
- talk to you about the plan for your sentence;
- make clear **where** you have to be for your Curfew;
- make clear **when you have to be there**;
- make clear **what will happen** if you do not keep to your Curfew;
- check where you go;
- make arrangements for you to be taken back to court if you do not co-operate or comply with your Order;
- review your progress and work with you to help you complete your sentence successfully; and
- treat you fairly.

# What you should do

## You should:

- listen carefully to what your responsible officer says and do what they ask you to do;
- stick to the conditions of your Curfew;
- keep appointments to do with your sentence;
- show respect to probation staff and other people you meet during your sentence;
- tell your responsible officer straight away if you plan to change your address or phone number;
- tell your responsible officer straight away if you are unable to keep an appointment;
- tell your responsible officer if you are having any other problems with completing your sentence;
- let your responsible officer visit you at home if they need to;
- carry out any other instructions you may be given as part of this Requirement; and
- stay out of trouble.

If you miss an appointment you should get in touch with your responsible officer as soon as possible and tell them why.

If there is a good reason for not being able to keep an appointment you should provide your responsible officer with evidence. This might be a doctor's note or a letter from your employer, for example.