

PEACE BOND

SECTION 810

A. What is a “s.810 Peace Bond”?

- A Peace Bond is typically a 12 month long legal agreement (or ‘recognizance’) signed by you and the Judge, that contains a number of rules the Judge considers necessary for you to follow. For example, the Judge may require that you agree to the following:
 - You agree to pledge (promise) an amount of money (i.e. \$500 or more) for the time period of the Peace Bond. Please note that you are **not** typically required to pay or deposit this money in advance. Instead, you promise to pay this money in the event that you do not follow any of the terms of the Peace Bond;
 - You agree to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for the period of the Peace Bond. In other words stay out of trouble.
 - You agree not to have any contact with the complainant or victim for the period of the Peace Bond. In some circumstances with the complainant or victim for the period of the Peace Bond. In some circumstances, the Peace Bond will provide for an exception to the “no contact” term. For example, the court may allow you to have contact only with written revocable consent of the complainant or victim. In other words, you may be able to have contact with the complainant or victim only with their written permission that they can cancel at any time; and
 - You may have to agree not to possess any weapons for the period of the Peace Bond.

B. What’s the catch?

- Part of the Peace Bond **requires that you acknowledge that the complainant or victim feared that you could or might cause them personal injury or damage to their property.** In other words, you have to admit that the complainant or victim had reason to believe that you would hurt them or their property. If you are willing to admit this, you can enter into the Peace Bond.

C. What happens if I do not follow the rules of the Peace Bond?

- You can be charged with a criminal offence if you breach any of the terms of the peace bond.
- Furthermore, you could lose any money (i.e. \$500 or more) you have agreed to pledge (promise) when entering into the Peace Bond.

D. Does a Peace Bonds show up on the police computers (or CPIC)?

- **Yes it does.** It shows that you entered a Peace Bond and that the charge against you was withdrawn.

E. How does a Peace Bond look like?

- A sample of a Peace **Bond** is printed on the back of this information sheet.

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