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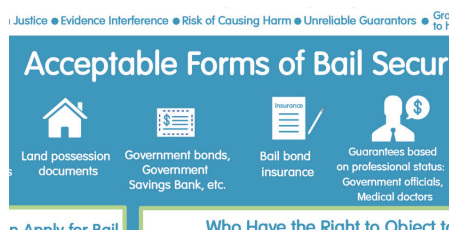
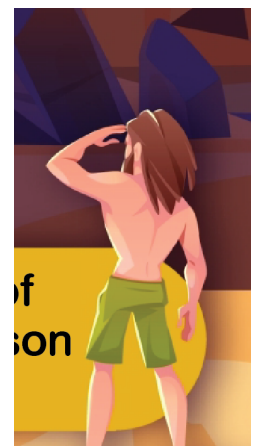
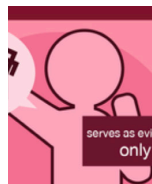
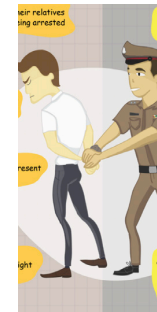
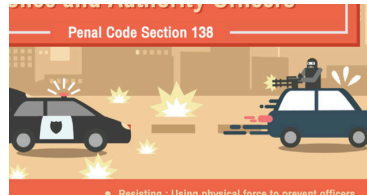
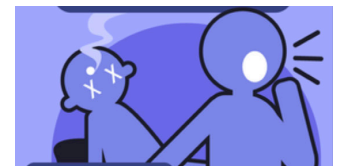
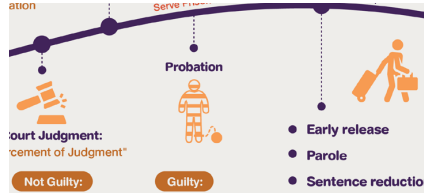
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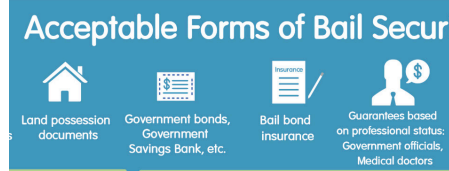
BRING LAWS CLOSER TO YOU

- Criminal Cases
- Justice System
- Rights and Protection

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Who Have the Right to Object to



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Thinking of Forgery? The law is watching !

Definition of Document Forgery

- Making others believe a document is genuine
- Forging entire documents or parts of them
- Filling in content on documents bearing another person's signature without permission
- Adding to, removing from, or modifying genuine documents
- Using counterfeit stamps or forged signatures



A document is: Paper or any object that conveys meaning through :

- Letters • Numbers • Diagrams • Plans
- Any other methods of communication

Commonly Forged Documents

Rights Documents

Documents affecting legal rights:

- Creation • Modification • Transfer
- Reservation • Termination



Contracts



Lottery tickets



Receipts



Authorization letters and powers of attorney

Official Documents

Documents issued by government officials including their certified copies



Vehicle license plates



Driver's licenses



National ID cards



Marriage certificates

Documents Under Section 266

Legal documents under Section 266

- 1 Official Rights Documents: Government-issued property documents Example : Land title deeds
- 2 Wills : Last will and testament
- 3 Share certificates / Debenture certificates / Debenture warrant certificates
- 4 Negotiable instruments
- 5 Certificates of deposit

Using Forged Documents

- 1 Direct use
- 2 Reference or citation
- 3 Using copies
- 4 Causing damage to others

The use of forged documents carries the same penalties as document forgery

Punishment

General Document Forgery

Prison: Up to 3 years
Fine: Up to 60,000 baht Or both imprisonment and fine

Official Documents or Rights Documents Forgery

Prison: 6 months to 5 years AND
Fine: 10,000 to 100,000 baht

Special Documents Forgery (Section 266)

Prison: 1 to 10 years AND
Fine: 20,000 to 200,000 baht



Finding Forged Documents: Keep the forged document as evidence and Report to police station in the jurisdiction where the incident occurred



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Penal Code Sections 264-269



For complaints: Contact The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand www.caat.or.th



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Regulation of the Civil Aviation Board No. 101 Measures to Protect Passenger Rights on Domestic and International Scheduled Flights (Effective from 20th May 2025)

5 Buddhist Religious Days

ALCOHOL SALES BAN



No buying and selling of liquor, beer & alcoholic beverages

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Makha Bucha Day



Visakha Bucha Day



Asarnha Bucha Day



Buddhist Lent Day



The End of Buddhist Lent Day

Applies to



Wholesale alcohol dealers



Retail alcohol dealers

Exceptions (laws do not apply to)



Sales by Manufacturers/Importers



Sales by Manufacturer Representatives



Importers selling to licensed alcohol dealers

5 Places

Where Alcohol Sales Are Allowed



International Airport Terminals

Entertainment Venues, such as:



Dance Club



Tea houses



Spa & Massage Centers



**Special Event Venues
(National/International Events)**



Sellers Should Know



No alcohol sales to **under 20 years old**



No alcohol sales to **drunk customers**

Legal penalties

Prison: Up to 1 year | Fine: Up to 20,000 Baht | Or Both

Similar Entertainment Venues, such as:



Pubs



Bars



Karaoke venues



Hotels

All other locations not specified in the announcement remain prohibited from selling alcohol

Penalties Prison: Up to 6 months | Fine: Up to 10,000 Baht | Or Both



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• Alcoholic Beverage Control Act B.E.2551 (Section 4, 28, 39)

• Announcement of Prime Minister's Office on Alcohol Sales Prohibition Days B.E. 2568

Drunk Driving: Prison and Fines for BAC over 20mg%

The Ministerial Regulation on Testing Blood Alcohol Content of Drivers B.E. 2567

What Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) Level is Considered Drunk Driving?

OVER
20mg%

- Drivers under 20 years old
- Holders of temporary (2-year) driver's licenses
- Drivers without a license
- Drivers with suspended or revoked licenses
- Drivers using a license of a different vehicle category that cannot be used as a substitute

OVER
50mg%

- Applies to general drivers (standard license holders)

Methods for Testing Alcohol Levels:

If breath alcohol testing is not possible, physical testing may be conducted instead. However, this requires the driver's consent.

1. "Breath"

Alcohol Testing



Using a breathalyzer device where the driver blows into the device to measure alcohol content

2. Physical Testing Methods for Blood Alcohol Content



"Urine Testing"

Sample collection and submission to hospital or designated facility, Laboratory analysis to measure alcohol content.



"Blood Testing"

Driver must be taken to the nearest hospital, Blood sample collected using medical procedures.

Punishment for exceeding alcohol limits:

Drunk Driver and related evidence must be immediately transferred to investigating officers, but no later than 6 hours after the incident, for legal prosecution.

First-Time

Drunk Driving Offense:



- Prison: Up to 1 year
- Fine: 5,000 - 20,000 Baht
- Possible combination of both prison and fine
- License suspension: Minimum 6 months
- OR license revocation

Repeat

Drunk Driving Offense



If you are caught drunk driving again within 2 years of your first offense (during the probation period), the punishment will be increased :

Prison: Up to 2 years, **Fine:** 50,000 - 100,000 Baht, **Driver's license suspension** for at least 1 year or **permanent license revocation**

Refusing

Breath Alcohol Testing



- Disobeying Police Officer's Testing Order: **Fine:** Up to 1,000 Baht
- Refusing to Take Breathalyzer Test: You will be presumed drunk driving **Prison:** Up to 1 year, **Fine:** 5,000 - 20,000 Baht, **OR Both and License penalty:** Driver's license suspension for at least 6 months or license revocation

Insurance Coverage for Drunk Driving:

- Voluntary Car Insurance : Generally **NOT covered** (Check your specific policy terms and conditions)
- Compulsory Motor Insurance : **Covers** personal injury/death for **the drunk driver and other parties involved** in the accident. **Does NOT cover** : Vehicle damage, the vehicle owner or driver must pay these costs themselves.

Police officers have the authority to detain any driver suspected of drunk driving for immediate alcohol testing. The testing process will be conducted as quickly as possible.

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- The Land Traffic Act B.E. 2522 Updated (S 43(2), S 142(2) paragraph2-5, S 154(3), S 160 ter, 160 ter/1)
- Road Accident Victims Protection Act, B.E. 2535

Care Enough to Stop

Your Help Matters

What to Do in Case of a Car Accident ?

Stop & Stay

Take Responsibility

Call Ambulance (1669) for the injured

Call Local police (191)

Unintentional Accident
Don't Panic, Do the Right Thing

Compensate for medical expenses, vehicle damage, other related costs

Provide your Full name, Address, Vehicle registration

Cooperate with police investigation

Contact your insurance company

Hit and Run Victim

4 Steps to Get Compensation

- 1** Record the hit-and-run vehicle's license plate
- 2** File a police report immediately
- 3** Trace vehicle owner through license plate number
- 4** Contact insurance company (if you have coverage)

Missed the License Plate Number, Gather Evidence:

Photos of vehicle and accident scene

Witnesses

CCTV cameras
Car DVR

Hit and Run Penalties

Basic Hit and Run:

- Prison: Up to 3 months or
- Fine: 2,000 - 10,000 Baht
- Or Both

Causing Serious Injury or Death

- Prison: Up to 6 months or
- Fine: 5,000 - 20,000 Baht
- Or Both

Criminal Penalties

Careless Driving Causing Injury:

- Prison: Up to 1 month
- Fine: Up to 10,000 Baht
- Or Both

Careless Driving Causing Death:

- Prison: Up to 10 years and
- Fine: Up to 200,000 Baht

Property Damage:

- Prison: Up to 3 years or
- Fine: Up to 60,000 Baht
- Or Both

Civil Liability

Negligence or Intentional Actions Cause Damage: Pay compensation for Personal injury, Property damage, other related losses

The court may reduce your penalty by half if you:

- Stay + Accept responsibility +
- Help the victims + Pay compensation +
- Show concern by visiting victims

1

Suspended Prison
Sentence for a set period

2

Probation Requirements:
Check in with probation officer

3

Probation Conditions:
Follow probation terms strictly

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Road Traffic Act B.E. 2522 (Section 78 and 160)
Penal Code (Section 291, 358, 390)
Civil and Commercial Code (Section 420)

Resisting or Obstructing Police and Authority Officers

Penal Code Section 138



Resisting and Obstructing

- Resisting : Using physical force to prevent officers from performing their duties
- Obstructing : Actions that interfere with and prevent officers from completing their duties

Examples



Cutting off police vehicles to avoid arrest



Struggling to prevent handcuffing



Pushing officers during house search

Punishment

Prison: Up to 1 year Or
Fine: Up to 20,000 Baht
Or Both

Resisting or Obstructing... Using Violence or Threats of Violence

Punishment

Prison: Up to 2 years Or
Fine: Up to 40,000 Baht
Or Both

Examples



Using guns to avoid arrest



Resisting arrest and punching officers



Hugging, pulling, or holding onto objects to prevent arrest



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Penal Code

Rights of Suspects or Accused Persons

Police officers must inform suspects of their rights, and suspects' statements can be used as evidence in court

5 Rights Suspects Must Know

1. Right to inform their relatives where they are being arrested

2. Right to meet and consult with a lawyer

3. Right to have a lawyer present during interrogation

4. Relatives have the right to visit

5. Right to medical treatment

5 Things Police Must Inform

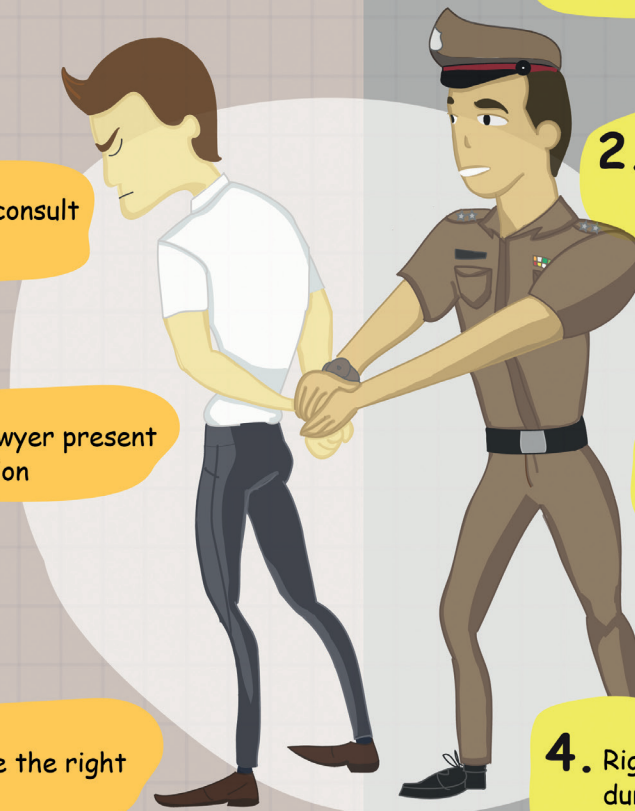
1. Police must inform suspects of their basic rights

2. Police must inform of charges before questioning

3. If suspect has no lawyer, police must arrange one

4. Right to have lawyer present during questioning (for those under 18 years old, psychologist must also be present)

5. Suspect has the right not to speak, but if spoken, statements may be used as evidence in court

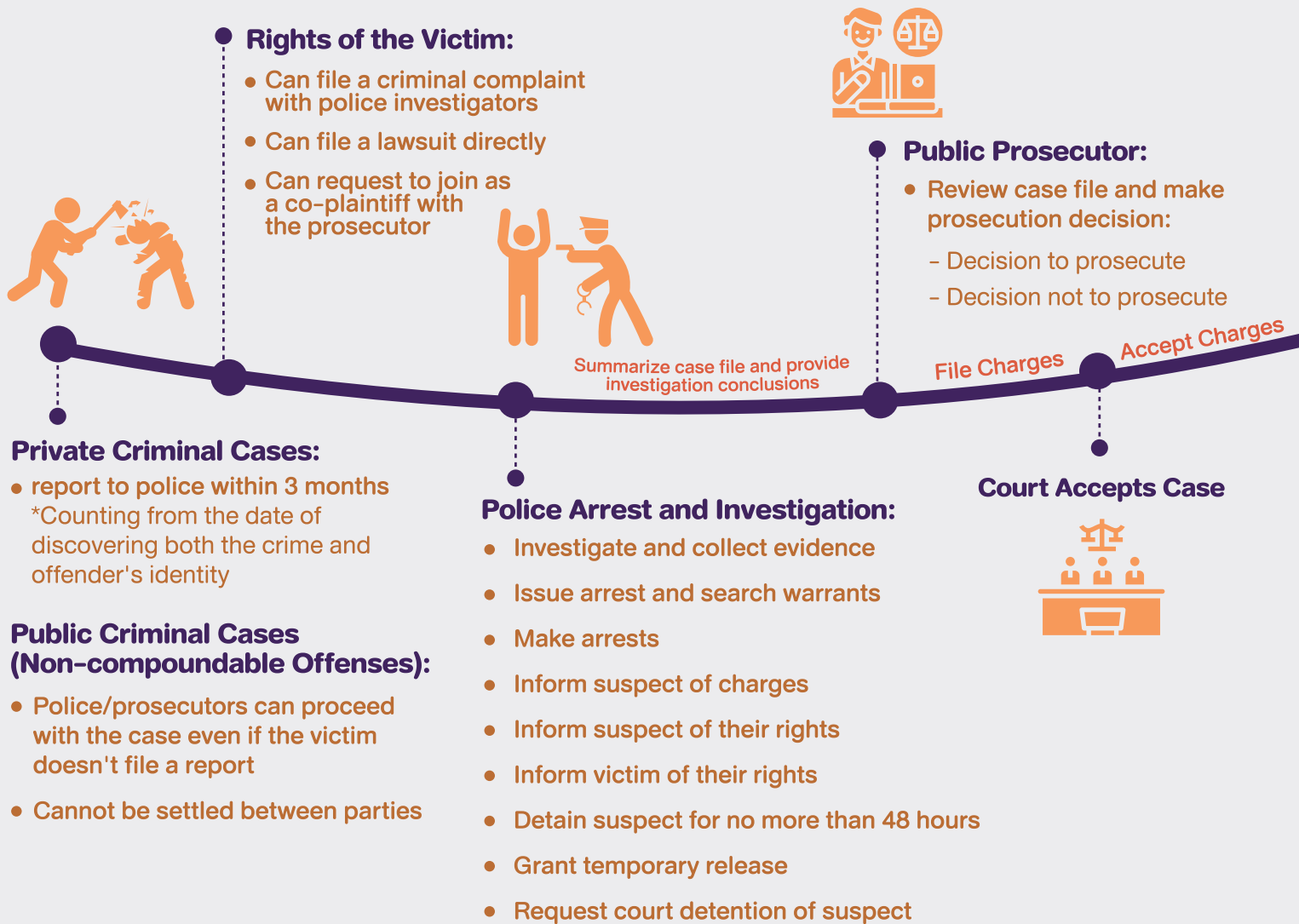


Investigation officers **"must inform rights"** to victims or witnesses who file criminal complaints. They have the right to receive **"compensation for victims and expenses incurred in criminal cases"**



Entering the.... Justice System

Understanding Basic Criminal Proceedings



Persons Involved in Criminal Cases:

Victim :

A person who suffers damage from any unlawful act

Suspect/Alleged Offender:

A person accused of breaking the law but not yet formally charged in court

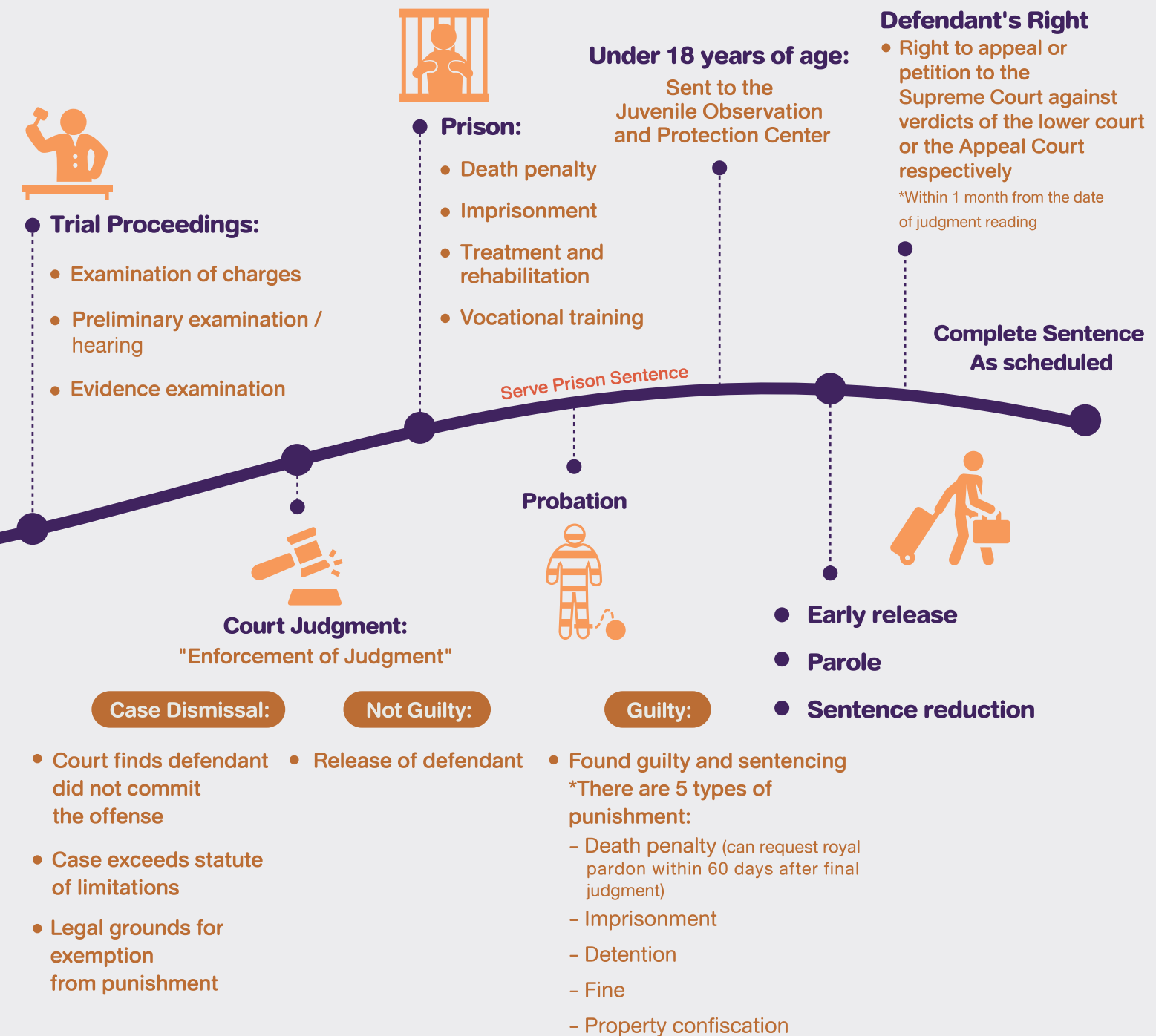
Plaintiff:

Public prosecutor or victim (or both) who files criminal charges in court

Defendant:

A person charged in court with a criminal offense

***The right to apply for bail/temporary release is available at all stages of criminal proceedings**



Witness:

A person who provides factual information to inquiry officers, investigation officers, public prosecutors, or the court during legal proceedings

Investigation Officer:

An official responsible for finding facts and evidence to determine details and offenses

Public Prosecutor:

An official responsible for prosecuting suspects in court

Bail Application : Is It Possible and Who Decides ?

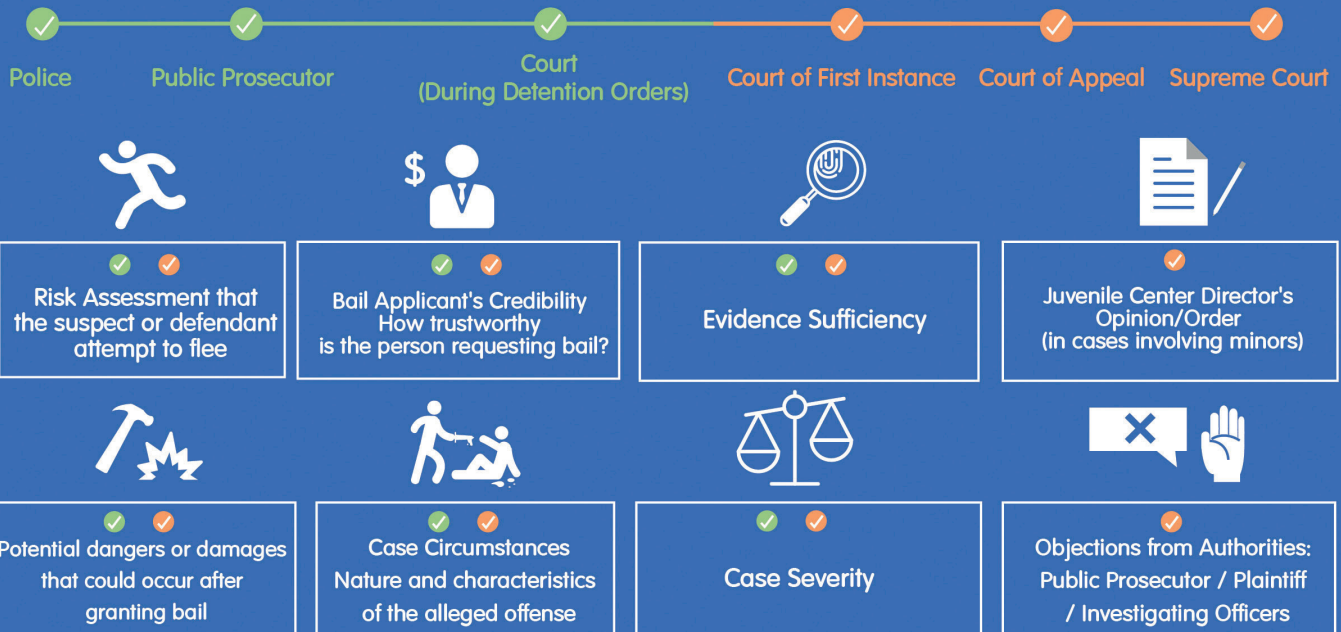
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Criteria for Granting Bail

Bail Applications Can Be Made at 'Every Stage' - During Both Investigation and Trial Proceedings

During Investigation Period

During Trial Proceedings



*Reasons Why Court May Deny Bail

- Fleeing from Justice
- Evidence Interference
- Risk of Causing Harm
- Unreliable Guarantors
- Granting bail will lead to harmful consequences

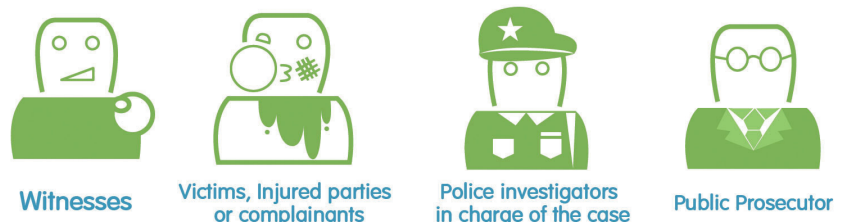
Acceptable Forms of Bail Security



Who Can Apply for Bail



Who Have the Right to Object to Bail



How to file a criminal complaint to keeping your case active



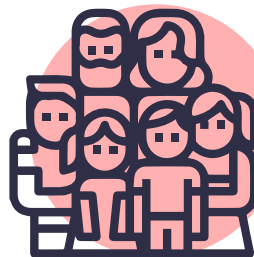
Filing a Police Report (Criminal Complaint)



Who Can File a report

Victim or Legal representatives

- Parents/children/spouse
- Guardian
- Manager or Representative of a Legal Entity
- Person authorized by the victim
(Depending on the case)



Daily Police Record (Evidence only)



Filing a Criminal Accusation/Report



Who can file

Any person who

- Witnessed the incident
- Found the victim
- Discovered the crime



Report to the authorities if a crime or harm has occurred

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"Filing a criminal complaint
with intent to prosecute the offender
to the full extent of the law"



Proceed
with legal action

"Filing for documentation
purposes only" without intent to
prosecute the offender



Cannot proceed
with legal action

Report to the authorities that
a crime has been committed,
whether the offender is aware or not



Legal proceedings
may continue

For private criminal cases, the victim must report the crime to the police within 3 months after knowing about both the crime and who committed it. **For public criminal cases, even if the victim does not report to the police, the state prosecutor can still take the case to court.**

You can report the crime at any police station or at the police station where the incident occurred.



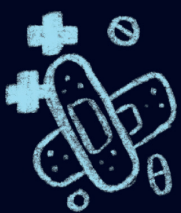
How to! Proceed with Sexual Assault Cases

After the Incident:

Seek Medical Attention Immediately



Physical Evidence Collection : Avoid showering / Don't change clothes



Injury treatment



Sexually transmitted infection screening



Emergency contraception

Legal right to terminate pregnancy (if occurs)

Immediate Police Report

Limitation Period: Must report within 3 months From the date of incident AND when the offender is identified

Police Report Checklist:



Physical appearance and characteristics of the offender



Incident Details



Witness Information



If offender is a government official or private sector employee:
File complaint with their organization for disciplinary action

Request a copy of the police daily record:
Keep this as proof that you filed the report

Who Can Initiate Criminal Proceedings?

1. Victim

Under 20 years old

2. Parents



Legally incompetent person

3. Legal Guardian



4. Spouse

If married



Under 20 years old / Legally incompetent / Has no parents / Has no guardian / Unable to file charges / Guardian has conflict of interest

5. Relatives can petition the court to appoint a 'case-specific representative'



Rape and Sexual Assault are Non-Compoundable Public Crime



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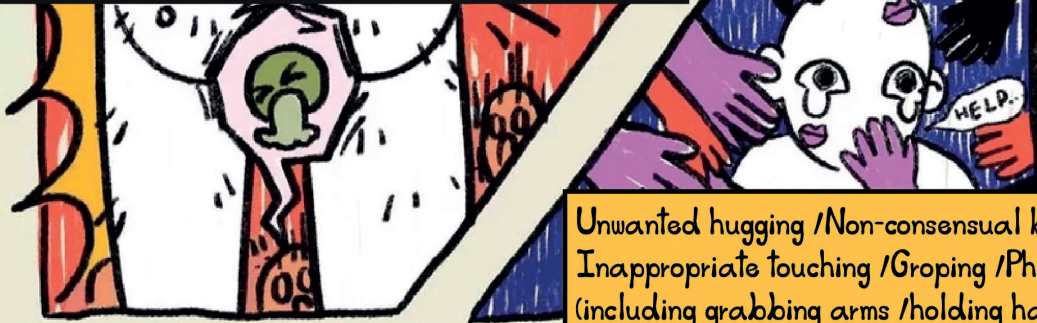
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Penal Code

PUBLIC INDECENCY

Acts of inappropriate sexual behavior or causing sexual embarrassment that occur in public spaces or places where others may witness them.



Unwanted hugging / Non-consensual kissing
Inappropriate touching / Groping / Physical contact
(including grabbing arms / holding hands)

You can be charged with public indecency even if you did not act with sexual desire or lustful intent.

PUNISHMENT FOR PUBLIC INDECENCY



Victims under 15 years old
The act is automatically criminal
whether the minor agreed or not
is irrelevant

Prison : Up to 10 years
Fine : Up to 200,000 THB
OR Both

With Threats/Coercion

Prison : 1 - 15 years
Fine : 20,000 - 300,000 THB
OR Both



**Victims 15 years
and above**

Prison : Up to 10 years
Fine : Up to 200,000 THB
OR Both



**For cases resulting
in Serious Injury**

Prison : 5 - 20 years AND
Fine : 100,000 - 400,000 THB
OR Life imprisonment

Results in Death

Death penalty
OR Life imprisonment

**Public Indecency Against Children Under 13 : Prison : 1 - 10 years
Fine : 20,000 - 200,000 THB OR Both**





Minor Injury (Section 391)



Using force
but no wound
appears



Slapping face
causing redness

Imprisonment up to **1 month**
OR **fine up to 10,000 baht** OR both
(Criminal offense : misdemeanor)



Physical Assault and Mental Harm (Section 295)



Intentionally
shooting to avoid
vital organs

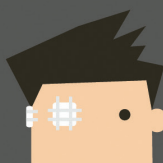


Assault with
a small knife causing
minor wounds



Torn wound measuring
3 centimeters
in length

Imprisonment up to **2 years**
OR **fine up to 40,000 baht** OR both
(Criminal offense : misdemeanor)



Causing Disability (Section 297)



Physical
disability



Loss or permanent
injury to limbs



Pregnancy
termination



Mental disability

Imprisonment **6 months** to **10 years**
AND fine 10,000 - 200,000 baht

Physical Assault Not as Simple as Paying

500

Baht



Assault as defined by characteristics (Section 289)



Assault against parents



Assault against
officers and their assistants



Premeditated assault



Torture or cruel acts



Preparation for
further criminal acts



Concealment to
commit other offenses

Imprisonment up to **3 years** OR
fine up to 60,000 baht

OR both
(According to Section 296)

*Section 298

Note: If committing offense under Section 297
With characteristics under Section 289 Penalty

Imprisonment 2-10 years
AND fine 40,000 - 200,000 baht



Shot, Stabbed, Hit by a stray bullet You are eligible for compensation

Compensation for **the injured person** and compensation for **the defendant** in criminal cases

Injured Person

A person harmed by the criminal acts of others without any involvement in the crime

Defendant

A person prosecuted by the prosecutor and imprisoned during trial, who is later proven innocent and acquitted or declared not guilty by a final judgment

In case of death

Compensation

1

Funeral expenses

2

Loss of financial support

3

Other damages

4

General cases

1

Medical expenses

2

Physical rehabilitation costs

3

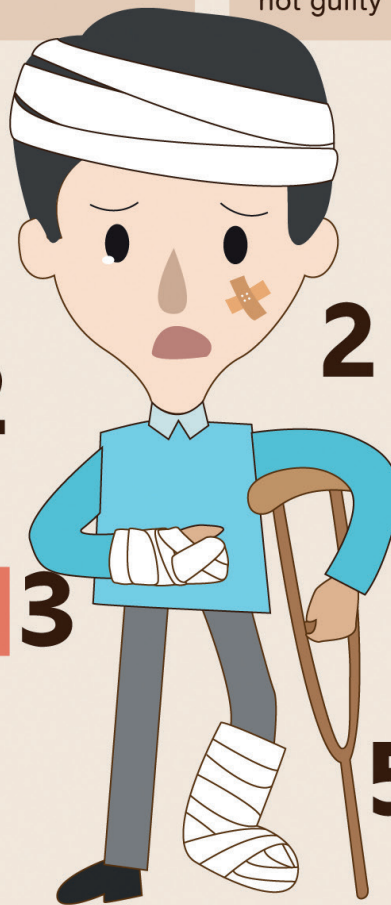
Loss of income

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Necessary expenses

5

Compensation for wrongful imprisonment



Types of offenses eligible for injured person to claim compensation

Sexual offenses

Offenses against life

Bodily harm/ assault

Causing abortion

Abandonment of children/ sick persons/elderly person

Submit a Claim Within 1 Year

- For injured persons – Within 1 year from the date they become aware of the crime.
- For Defendants – Within 1 year from the date of case dismissal **or a final court ruling declaring them not guilty.**

Where to file

- Rights and Liberties Protection Department
- Provincial Justice Office Nationwide
- Any Police Station in Thailand

hotline: 1111 ext 77

*injured persons or defendants will not lose their rights under other applicable laws.



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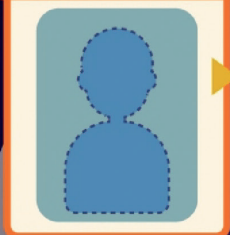
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"What should you do when Someone Goes Missing?
And How to Manage Assets of Missing Persons"

"When Person Goes Missing"

If someone goes missing:

Missing Person



Report missing person
(within 24 hours)



Police may use discretion
to refuse report, e.g.,
person just Arrived home late

Police record report/evidence/
information of missing
person

Police investigate according
to legal procedures

Not found

Time Period Classifications:

Missing for
specified period

Missing for **2** years
(counting from):
1. End of war
2. Sinking and
Missing Vehicles
3. Natural disaster

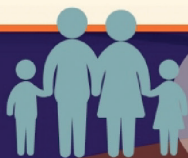
Missing for **5** years
(counting from date of
disappearance or last news)

Request for Declaration
of Disappearance:

Interested Parties
who can file:

(Public prosecutor, Spouse,
Blood relatives, Legal heirs,
Legal guardian)

OR
Public attorney



Requesting a Court Order to
Declare Someone Missing

Legally Disappeared Person = Legally Dead

Asset Management:
Must prepare asset inventory
within 3 months :

If heir manages
assets: Record
completed

If heir cannot manage:
Court appoints
asset manager

Interested Parties

Must Request Appointment
of a Property Manager

Court can revoke declaration of
disappearance if: Missing person
is proven to be alive

Missing Persons Report: Prachabodi Center 1300
Missing Persons Information Center: The Mirror Foundation
Hotline 080-775-2673 , 095-631-1914



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Civil and Commercial Code Section 48-64

6 Criminal Cases

Victims Can Claim Compensation from the Ministry of Justice

1 Crimes endangering public safety (e.g.; Fire-Setting / Burning property / Causing explosions) (Sections 224, 238)

2 Sex Crimes (Sections 276-287)

3 Violent Crimes Causing Death or Injury

- Murder and Fatal Offenses (Sections 288-294)
- Physical Assault and Battery (Sections 295-300)
- Abortion Offenses (Sections 301-305)
- Abandonment of Children, Sick Persons, and Elderly (Sections 306-308)

4 Crimes against Freedom and Reputation (Sections 309-313)

5 Property Crimes

- Theft and Snatching (Section 336)
- Blackmail, Extortion; Robbery and Armed Robbery (Sections 337, 339, 339bis, 340, 340bis)

6 Trespassing Offense (Section 365)

• Victims or their heirs must file within 1 year from the date of discovering the crime

Compensation Rates For Crime Victims

In case of Injury



Medical Treatment Expenses :
Actual expenses will be paid up to 40,000 baht

**Including room and meals (up to 1,000 baht per day)



Physical and Mental Rehabilitation :
Actual expenses up to 20,000 baht

Including room and meals (up to 1,000 baht per day)



Lost Income : Based on local minimum wage of victim's work province, paid for up to 1 year from date unable to work



Other Compensation as approved by the committee, up to 50,000 baht

In Case of Death



Death Compensation :
Minimum: 30,000 Baht
Maximum: 100,000 Baht



Funeral Expenses :
Fixed amount 20,000 Baht



Loss of Support Compensation :
Maximum: 40,000 Baht



Other Compensation as approved by the committee, up to 40,000 Baht

****Submit at**** Rights and Liberties Protection Department, Provincial Justice Offices (Available in all provinces throughout Thailand), Any Police Station in Thailand

Hotline: Call 1111 ext 77



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