

First Appearance in Court

If you have been charged with a criminal offence and you are attending your **first court date** please remember the following things:

Please try to arrive at court at least 30 minutes before you are scheduled to be in court.

If you've been charged and released by a police officer or from a police station, you should bring the piece of paper (or papers) that the police gave you. It will be one of these three things:

Summons To A Person Charged With An Offence

Or

Appearance Notice

Or

Promise to Appear

If you got out on bail, you should bring the piece of paper that the court gave you. It will be called one of these two things:

Recognizance

Or

Undertaking Given To A Justice Or A Judge

Note: If you have a lawyer, your lawyer's advice on what to do on your first appearance court date may be different from what is written here. You should always follow your lawyer's advice over anything in this list.