

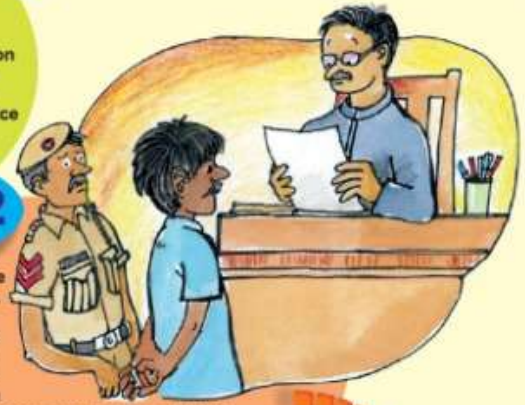
STEPS FROM ARREST TO APPEAL



ARREST

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Arrest: You can be arrested where reasonable grounds exist that you have committed an offence or are about to. Upon your arrest you will be taken to the police station. In case of a bailable offence, the police can promptly bail you from the police station itself.



PRODUCTION

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Production: Within 24 hours of your arrest the police must produce you before a magistrate. In the court, the police will submit the investigation papers. The police may request more time to keep you in custody while they continue their investigation. The magistrate after perusal of the documents may send you back to the police station (police custody), or send you to prison (judicial custody) or grant bail or discharge you of the charges and order your release forthwith.

POLICE CUSTODY



JUDICIAL CUSTODY



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CHARGE

Charge: A charge is a formal notice of the offence you are alleged to have committed. Upon completion of its investigation the police submits a chargesheet in the court. After perusal of the chargesheet the court shall frame the charge and it shall be read out to you in court. You will need to decide whether you committed the offence set down in the charge - or not - in which case you will plead Guilty or Not Guilty.



BAIL OR DISCHARGE



GUILTY

NOT GUILTY

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CONVICTION OR ACQUITTAL

Conviction or Acquittal: After completion of the trial the court will either find you not guilty of the offence(s) and you will be acquitted (set free and released from custody, if in jail); or you will be convicted and sentenced.

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TRIAL

Trial: If you plead not guilty, the case is posted for trial. A trial includes the following stages:-

- Statement of accused u/s 313 Cr.P.C.
- Oral & Documentary Evidence
- Arguments by prosecution & defence lawyers
- Pronouncement of Judgment



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APPEAL

Appeal: An appeal can be filed within a specified time limit by the party aggrieved by judgment on acquittal/ conviction/ reduction of sentence. You may be granted a suspension of sentence by the appellate court pending hearing of the appeal.

SUSPENSION OF SENTENCE



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