

You have been placed under the supervision of the Dutch Probation Service

You have been placed under probation supervision. The judge or the public prosecutor has passed a judgment in which a number of rules and obligations are imposed on you in connection with that sentence. This means that you are now in contact with the Dutch Probation Service. We want to motivate you and to help you avoid further trouble with the law in future, and we also make sure that you stick to all the rules.

Obligations, rules and arrangements

You have received the Standard Rules on Supervision from us and, after this, we draw up a supervision plan. This plan lists all the obligations (special conditions) that the authorities have imposed on you, and it also sets out the additional rules or instructions that we have drawn up. In addition, it also contains all the arrangements that we have made with you. For instance, the particular points that we are going to work on with you to make sure that you do not get into trouble with the law again.

What do we expect from you?

That you always arrive for your appointment with the probation officer on time. That you behave correctly during the appointments and that you are not under the influence of drugs or alcohol. You must inform us right away if you are ill or cannot attend.

SUPERVISION

AN AGREEMENT IS AN AGREEMENT



We need written proof of this. For example, a signed statement from your family doctor or employer. The probation officer may visit you – possibly unexpectedly – at your home, your workplace or elsewhere and if this happens, you are obliged to offer your cooperation.

You must also inform your probation officer right away if you have any contact with the police or the law during your supervision period.

What happens if you do not honour the arrangements?

You have to comply with all the special conditions, instructions and arrangements in the supervision plan. You will be given a warning or reprimand if you do not keep to the arrangements. This has consequences for you and the further course of your supervision. We have to inform the Public Prosecution Service or the prison if you fail to observe an instruction or a special condition, and you then run the risk that your conditional sentence will be converted into a prison sentence.

In short

- You must comply with all the special conditions, instructions and the arrangements in the supervision plan.
- You must always arrive for your appointment with the probation officer on time.
- You must behave correctly towards the probation officer.
- If you do not keep to the obligations and arrangements, you will be given a reprimand, a warning or perhaps even a prison sentence.

The Dutch Probation Service

Towards a safer society

The Dutch Probation Service

The Dutch Probation Service (*Reclassering Nederland*) is working to build a safer society. We cooperate with the judicial authorities, the police, the prison system and municipalities to prevent criminality and reduce re-offending.

Our task is to produce recommendations for the judges, public prosecutors and prison authorities.

In addition, we are charged with the supervision of suspects and offenders. And we make sure that those convicted carry out their community service. We try to motivate people to change their behaviour by a mixture of persuasion and coercion. Society is entitled to this. And it is also in the interests of suspects and convicted persons.

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