

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Q. What is needed to start House Arrest?

A. Clients must have a working cell phone. This is to maintain a way for House Arrest Officers to communicate with clients, not just for the operation of equipment. If placed on a Remote Breath Unit, a cell phone is required to receive test alerts. Clients must have a stable residence and keep their utilities on as gear will need electricity to charge. Long term hotel/motel stays can be approved on a case by case basis.

Q. Can a client live outside the 9 county metro area or in other states?

A. This must be approved by the ordering court or the sanctioning probation officer. Certain programs require clients to report weekly with officers and this needs to be a consideration when a client chooses to live outside the metro area. Clients will be required to comply with directives to report and directives regarding equipment maintenance or technical malfunctions as well as establishing locations to submit urinalysis.

Q. Is transportation needed from the jail and from HA?

A. District sentences and PIS cases will be transported by a House Arrest Office. Bonds involving a bondsman will be transported by the bondsman. PR and ORCD as well as Traffic Court Sentences, have to have a ride secured from the jail to the House Arrest Office. **You are responsible for your travel from the House Arrest Office to your home.**

Q. Can I work while on House Arrest?

A. If you are sentenced to 10 or more days of House Arrest, are on bond, or on an Internal Sanction, you may work unless the Court or your Probation Officer stipulate you are restricted to home.

Q. How much does House Arrest cost?

A. For short-term clients (10 days or less, and those sentenced to 240 hours or less) the fee is \$140, this must be paid at the time of intake or the client will be denied until payment is made. For long-term clients (11 days or more), the daily fee may range from \$2/day to \$14/day depending upon the program assigned.

Note that clients are also responsible for the charges due to Urinalysis (\$17) and any damage that occurs to the equipment. Failure to return equipment will result in being charged for the full cost of replacing the pieces not returned as well as staff filing felony theft charges with the District Attorney's Office. **House Arrest payments can only be made by money order or credit card (online).**

A payment plan can be established upon completion of the program. Note that failure to make payments will result in the balance being sent to the Kansas State Set-Off program. Unpaid past balances may result in future denial to the program or delay the bonding process until the balances are addressed or some effort is made towards what is owed.

Q. How do I make credit card payments online?

A. Go to <http://www.jocogov.org/dept/corrections/home> and click on “online payments” on the right side of the page. Enter the client number in the designated space. The following forms of payment are accepted: Discover, Mastercard, Visa, and Debit Cards.