

## CHEROKEE PROBATION SERVICES LINKS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### What happens if I violate my probation?

A probation violation occurs when you break any of the rules or conditions set forth in the probation order at any time during the probation period. When a potential violation is discovered, your probation officer has the discretion to simply give you a warning, or require you to attend a probation violation hearing. If a judge determines that you violated your probation, you may face additional probation terms, heavy fines, a revocation of your probation, jail time, or more.

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### What's the difference between probation, parole and supervised release?

Probation is a term of community supervision imposed by the Court in lieu of a prison sentence.

Parole is a period of community supervision imposed by the U.S. Parole Commission to be completed after release from a prison term. The U.S. Parole Commission's jurisdiction is limited to offenders who committed offenses prior to November 1, 1987, and certain Washington D.C. offenders.

Supervised Release is a period of community supervision imposed by the Court to be completed after release from jail or prison sentence.

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### Will my probation officer come to my home or workplace?

Yes. Probation Officers can make both home and workplace visits to ensure compliance with condition of supervision and to assess your adjustment at home and in the community.

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### I have an urgent issue and my officer is not available. What should I do?

In the event you need immediate assistance and your supervision officer is unavailable, call the office and ask to speak to the duty officer.

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### What are some examples of the terms or conditions of probation?

A person who is placed on probation is usually required to report to a probation officer and follow a variety of conditions during the probation period. Specific conditions may include:

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- Regularly meeting with your probation officer at set times;
  - Appearing at any scheduled court appearances;
  - Paying fines or restitutions (monies to victims);
  - Avoiding certain people and places;
  - Not traveling out of state without the permission of your probation officer;
  - Obeying all laws, including minor laws such as jaywalking;
  - Refraining from illegal drug use or excessive alcohol use; and/or
  - Submitting to drug or alcohol testing.
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Typically, the conditions imposed relate to the type of criminal offense. For example, a judge may require you to submit to periodic drug testing or attend a drug rehabilitation program for a drug-related offense. Similarly, a judge may require that you avoid specific people or group members for a gang-related or battery type of offense.

Individuals on supervision are required by the Court to abide by certain rules. These rules are called the Standard Conditions of Supervision. They are basically the same whether the person is on probation, parole, military parole, mandatory release, or supervised release.

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