

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
JUDICIAL BRANCH
NH CIRCUIT COURT
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WHAT TO DO IF AN ORDER OF ARREST HAS BEEN ISSUED

If an Order of Arrest has been issued against you, you can appear at the courthouse to post bail. You will need to have photo identification and the amount of the bail in cash.

When you appear at the court you will be required to post the bail ordered by the court. The court staff will prepare a Bond, which you will need to review and sign. You will be given a copy of the Bond in hand, which will contain your next hearing date. The court staff will then contact the Sheriff's Department to recall the Order of Arrest.

At the next hearing, the Court will issue an order about how the judgment will be paid. Also at that hearing, the Court will determine if any cash bail is to be returned to you or if it will be forwarded to the other party toward the judgment balance.

If you do not come to the courthouse to post bail, at any time the Sheriff could serve you with the Order of Arrest, at which time you would be expected to post the bail. When you post bail at the Sheriff's Department, you would also be expected to pay a bail commissioner fee.

The other option for you is to make payment arrangements directly with the plaintiff (or their attorney if they have one). The plaintiff is not obligated to accept a payment arrangement at this time. Keep in mind that the Order of Arrest remains in effect until the court receives notice from the plaintiff that you have either paid the plaintiff in full or made satisfactory payment arrangements with him/her.