



Bail Agent Question Checklist

Every question to ask — license, premium, payment plan, collateral — before you sign with a bail agent.



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- **Verify the license first**

- Are you a licensed bail agent in this state? What is your license number?
- Can I verify your license with the state insurance or licensing department?

A licensed agent will answer these without hesitation. If anyone refuses, walk away.



- **Ask about the premium**

- What is the premium, exactly, in dollars?
- Is the premium refundable if the case is dropped or dismissed? (It usually is not.)
- Is the rate the standard state-regulated percentage?



- **Ask about payment**

- Do you offer a payment plan? What down payment do you require?
- How many payments, how much each, and on what dates?
- Will you put the full payment schedule in writing before I sign?



- **Ask about collateral and obligations**

- Is collateral required? What exactly, and when do I get it back?
- What are my responsibilities as a co-signer (indemnitor)?
- What happens if the defendant misses a court date?



• Before you sign

■ I have every cost in writing. ■ I verified the license. ■ I understand what is refundable.

■ I understand my co-signer responsibilities. ■ I was not asked for my SSN or bank logins to be 'matched'.

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