



Pretrial Services Mission

The Whatcom County Superior Court Pretrial Services Unit strives to be a fair and effective resource to help pretrial defendants stay in compliance with the Court's orders. Complying with the Court's Orders helps these defendants and enhances the safety of our community.

Expectations and Making Contact

If your Conditions of Release include Pretrial Services, you are required to report in to this office in person or by telephone, according to the level indicated below on your Conditions of Release; 1 (Low), 2 (Medium) or 3 (High).

The expectations of people at each level are determined by the Commissioner or Judge at a hearing and written on the Order that is signed at that hearing. There are three levels of Pretrial Services requirements:

1 - LOW

- Interview over the phone within 24 hours of release (or 1 business day). No further phone or in person reporting unless there's a phone, contact or address change
- Email or text reminders of hearing dates
- Any special conditions directed by judicial officer

2 - MEDIUM

- Report in person within 24 hours of release for intake (or 1 business day) and a set schedule for reporting thereafter.
- Email or text reminders of hearing dates
- Any special conditions directed by judicial officer

3 - HIGH

- Report in person within 24 hours of release for intake (or 1 business day) and a set schedule for reporting requirements thereafter.
- Email or text reminders of hearing dates

People who are ordered at Level 1 must call into Pretrial Services within 1 day of their hearing or release from jail. People ordered at Level 2 & 3 must report in in person to the Pretrial Services office (5th floor of the Courthouse, across the hall from Courtroom 5A) within one day of their hearing or release from jail.

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