



DECLARATION OF LEGAL RIGHTS

To be provided to a person remanded into custody by the French Correctional Tribunal or further to a bail revocation

You are being prosecuted by the Correctional Tribunal and you have been remanded into custody until the date of your summary trial. This document is a statement of the main rights to which you are entitled.

You may keep this document throughout the time you remain in custody

Awareness of the offence

You have the right to know the nature, date and location of the commission of the offence for which you are prosecuted as well as the reasons for your remand into custody.

Legal assistance

You may ask for the assistance of a lawyer of your choosing, or state appointed lawyer. You have the right to freely consult with your lawyer through oral or written communication, and he/she will assist you at the hearing of which he/she must be informed.

Right to remain silent

At the hearing, you may choose either to make a statement, to answer questions asked of you, or to remain silent.

Assistance by an interpreter

If you do not speak or understand French, you have the right to be assisted by an interpreter free of charge during hearings and when communicating with your lawyer.

Right to request release from custody

You have the right to make a request to the tribunal for your release from custody at any time.

Length of the deprivation of liberty

Your remand in custody will last until the date of your appearance or your new appearance before the Correctional Tribunal.

If you have been remanded in custody by a Liberty & Detention Judge in a case of an immediate summary trial, your remand can only last three working days.

If you have been remanded in custody by a Liberty & Detention Judge after breaching your bail conditions, your remand may not exceed two months.

If you have been remanded in custody by the Correctional Tribunal who adjourned your case to a subsequent hearing date, your remand in custody may not exceed six weeks, or four months if you are charged with an offence which carries a custodial penalty of more than seven years.

Informing a Third Party

You have the right to inform any third party you wish, including your family, of your remand into custody.

Equally, if you are a foreign citizen, you may ask for your country's consular authorities to be notified.

Medical Examination

You can ask to be examined by a doctor.

Access to your case

Your lawyer is permitted to access to your file and may request a copy. You also have the right to request a copy of the case file.