



YOU ARE SUMMONED FOR INTERROGATION – Hints and Tips



HOW DO YOU GET SUMMONED?



BY SUMMONS:

- delivered in person
- sent by mail, e-mail or facsimile;
- sent to the place of work and/or residence



BY PHONE OR TELEGRAM



CONFIRMATION OF SUMMONS IS

- return receipt
- video record of a summons being served
- any other data confirming the actual service of a summons or familiarization with its contents

WHO CAN SUMMON YOU?



INVESTIGATOR (DETECTIVE)

PROSECUTOR

COURT

HOW LONG IN ADVANCE SHOULD YOU BE NOTIFIED?



AT LEAST 3 DAYS PRIOR TO INTERROGATION

- the summons must be received as soon as possible, with time granted to prepare and arrive on call

IN WHAT STATUS CAN YOU BE SUMMONED?



SUSPECT

ACCUSED

WITNESS

VICTIM

WHAT LIABILITY IS PROVIDED FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR?



if summoned by an investigator (detective) – **PENALTY** of UAH **567.50** to **1,135**
 if summoned by a judge – **PENALTY** of UAH **1,135** to **4,540**

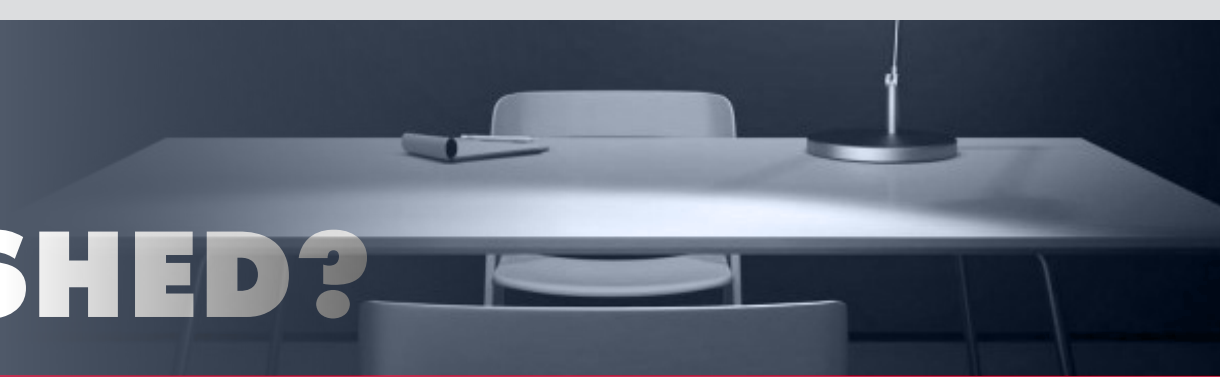
failure to appear may be a ground for a warrant compelling you to appear for interrogation

IS THERE A CHANCE NOT TO APPEAR WITHOUT BEING PUNISHED?

VALID REASONS FOR A PERSON NOT TO APPEAR WHEN SUMMONED ARE:

1. restriction of freedom of movement to law or court decision
2. force majeure (epidemics, military events, natural disasters or other similar circumstances)
3. a person's absence at the place of residence for a long time due to a business trip, travel, etc.
4. serious illness or stay in a healthcare institution due to treatment or pregnancy, if it is impossible to leave temporarily
5. serious threat to the lives of close relatives, family members or other close persons
6. untimely receipt of a summons
7. other circumstances that reasonably prevent a person from appearing when summoned

IMPORTANT!
 The list of valid reasons is not exhaustive



WHAT TO DO IF SUMMONED



Pay attention to whether you have been summoned on time, i.e. no later than 3 days before the interrogation: violation of this requirement makes it impossible to apply compulsion or penalties, and, for greater certainty, it is a good practice to send a notice of inability to appear on summons due to lack of time for preparation



Find out in which criminal proceedings the interrogation is planned. Along with the case number, the qualification under an article of the Criminal Code of Ukraine is indicated, which will help you to understand the issue the interrogation relates to



Check if the summons states what procedural action you are summoned for and in what status. The lack of such data should be alarming



On receiving a summons by phone, ask to send it by mail



On receiving a summons "in person" - indicate the delivery time and date in the return receipt



BEFORE AND DURING INTERROGATION



The Constitution of Ukraine and the Criminal Procedure Code enshrine the right not to testify or provide explanations against oneself, family members or close relatives



Your status in criminal proceedings may change. After interrogation as a witness, you may be searched and even be served a notice of suspicion. Therefore, it is not necessary to take any devices containing sensitive information with you



Only the questions asked should be answered: excessive openness can be quite harmful. I don't remember / I forgot are normal reactions during interrogation.



An investigator's friendly behavior may be misleading, so stay alert in any case



Video and audio recording is possible during interrogation: Be prepared so as not to get confused



Read carefully the transcript of interrogation written by the investigator according to your words before signing, so as to avoid distortion of your testimony. You have the right to record your testimony yourself



It is advisable to put a signature on each page of the record to prevent their substitution in the future



Disclosure of the essence of interrogation without the investigator's permission is punishable under criminal law



You have the right to legal assistance and an interpreter if you do not fully understand the language; In any case, the presence of an attorney reduces the risk of illegal behavior towards you on the part of investigators

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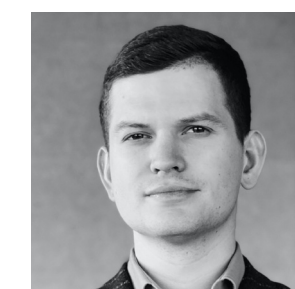
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