

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
_____ Unit

FAMILY DIVISION

CITATION TO JUVENILE

TO: *(Juvenile's Name)*

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, you are hereby ordered to appear before a Judicial Officer at the _____ Unit Family Division of Vermont, at the following time and place:

Date	Time	Town/City
To answer to the charge of the following offense / delinquent act:		

The court will mail you a delinquency petition before your hearing date.

IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR AT THE TIME AND PLACE ORDERED, AN ORDER WILL BE ISSUED FOR YOU TO BE PICKED UP AND BROUGHT TO COURT AND YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES.

Date Issued:	Town/City	County
Signature - Issuing Officer	Printed Name	Title/Department

I received this Citation on:

Date	Signature - Juvenile
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NOTICE TO PARENT/GUARDIAN/CUSTODIAN

A parent, guardian, or custodian must go to court with the youth (33 V.S.A. § 5108)

IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR AT THE TIME AND PLACE ORDERED, A WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR APPEARANCE.

Name of person signing for citation	Address	
Child is in legal custody of: <input type="checkbox"/> person signing citation <input type="checkbox"/> DCF <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	Signature - Issuing Officer	Title/Department

I received this Notice on:

Date	Signature ~ Parent/Guardian/Custodian
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NOTICE

You have just been issued a CITATION to appear in COURT. This court appearance is called a PRELIMINARY HEARING. This notice tells you what to expect at the preliminary hearing and what you can do between now and then to prepare for it.

The Court will mail you the following paperwork- a PETITION, on which the State's Attorney charges you with having committed a delinquent act; and an AFFIDAVIT, which is the police officer's or other person's story of what you allegedly did. You will also receive a juvenile public defender application and information about the court process. **If you do not receive paperwork in the mail from the court at least two days prior to your hearing date, please call the State's Attorney's office.**

The State's Attorney may refer this matter to the Diversion Program. Diversion is an alternative to court.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GET TO THE COURTHOUSE:

- You may want to speak to a lawyer so that you will understand what to expect.
- If you cannot afford a private lawyer, you can apply for the services of the public defender.
- Your parent, guardian or custodian must come to court with you.
- **Note to parent, guardian or custodian:** If your child requests a public defender, a minimum payment of \$25 will be required unless you are found unable to pay. In addition you may be required to pay for a part of the cost of the public defender's services. You may need to pay some money (a down payment) on the day of the preliminary hearing and some additional money within the next two months.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU GET TO THE COURTHOUSE (plan to be there for several hours):

- Your parent, guardian or custodian must come to court with you.
- You are entitled to have a lawyer at the hearing.
- If you have your own lawyer, make sure that he or she goes to court with you. It is not enough to just tell the judge "I have a lawyer." The lawyer must either be in court with you, or the lawyer must send a letter to the court saying that he or she represents you.
- If you do not have your own lawyer, a public defender will be in court and will speak with you before the preliminary hearing.
- If your parent or guardian cannot afford a lawyer, the court will appoint one for you.
- At your hearing, the judge will explain your rights to you. The judge will ask you if you want to ADMIT or DENY the charge.
- The judge may set certain restrictions on you (such as curfew) while the case is pending. (These are called CONDITIONS OF RELEASE.)

NOTE: ALL HEARINGS IN A DELINQUENCY PROCEEDING ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO GIVE ANY PUBLICITY TO THESE PROCEEDINGS.