

SECOND CHANCE WARRANT FORGIVENESS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a summons warrant?

It is an order given by the court to all police officers to arrest a person who did not show up in court on the day that was indicated by the summons. Any police officer who learns that a summons warrant has been issued for a person they are in contact with, **MUST** arrest that person and bring them to court. If they are not in the county/borough where the warrant was issued, the police officer will have the person transferred to the county where the warrant was issued. This may result in a person spending a few days in jail.

Do I need to take identification with me to Second Chance?

YES. You will need valid, state-issued photo identification, IDNYC card, or a U.S. passport. A foreign passport may not be accepted.

Do I need to bring my summons? What if I lost my summons? Can I still attend?

You do not **NEED** to bring your summons, but if you have it, it will help speed things up. We will have access to the record of summonses.

I am an undocumented immigrant. Can I come to Second Chance?

YES. Your immigration status will not prevent you from having your summons warrant resolved.

How do I know if there is a warrant for my arrest?

You may call the NYC Criminal Court information line at (646) 386-4500.

I have a summons warrant for an offense that is not listed on your flyer; can I still have my warrant cleared at Second Chance?

Even if your warrant is not listed below, you *may* still be able to have it addressed at the event. See list below for a sample of qualifying summons warrants. If you are unsure about your summons warrant status, you are welcome to attend the event to receive free legal assistance.

SUMMONS WARRANTS ACCEPTED	WARRANTS NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drinking Alcohol in Public (open container) • Disorderly Conduct • Public Urination • Being in the Park after Closing • Riding a Bicycle on the Sidewalk • Loitering • Unlawful Possession of Marijuana • Trespassing • Spitting • Unleashed dog • Littering • Failure to Have a Dog License • Making Unreasonable Noise • Animal Nuisance • Unlawful Possession of Alcohol (Under 21) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felony or Misdemeanor • Vehicle and Traffic Law violations • Administrative Code violations (Title 11) • TLC violations • Environmental conservation code violations • Building/Fire code violations • Transit violations • Labor law violations • Agriculture and Markets Law violations (for example, mistreatment of animals) • Child support warrants • Failed to pay fine or complete community service after pleading guilty to summons • Any Civil Court summons

I received a letter in the mail stating that I have a summons warrant. Does this mean that I have to attend Second Chance?

NO. You are not REQUIRED to attend the event, but it is recommended that you do. You received this letter because court records show that a warrant has been issued for your arrest. If you attend, your invitation letter will help speed up the process of clearing your warrant.

I have not received a letter about Second Chance, may I still attend?

YES. Representatives will be able to use your identification to determine whether a warrant exists for you, and help you clear any warrants.

I received a summons very recently and my court date has not yet passed. Can I resolve the summons at Second Chance?

NO. The date on the summons must have passed. Go to court on the date printed on the summons.

Does it matter where I live in New York City?

NO. People from all five boroughs are eligible to come.

Does it matter which borough the summons was issued?

NO. We will handle any eligible summons warrants issued in any of the five boroughs.

My summons offense has been resolved, but it has never been cleared from my record. Can this issue be cleared from my record at Second Chance?

Free legal assistance from the Legal Aid Society and other defense attorneys will be onsite and can counsel you as to your best course of action.

What happens if I have a warrant for a more serious offense and I come to Second Chance?

You will be allowed to leave and will not be arrested at the event. Free legal assistance from the Legal Aid Society and other defense attorneys will be at the event to advise you about your choices.

I have been re-arrested multiple times for summons related warrants on my record; does this arrest history exclude me from Second Chance?

NO. You can still have your warrant cleared at Second Chance.

Can I clear someone else's warrant at Second Chance?

NO. The Judge will only consider cases where the individual named in the warrant is present with valid state-issued photo identification, IDNYC card or a passport.

Can I bring family members with me to Second Chance?

YES. Family members are welcome to accompany you to the event. They can attend the resource fair while you wait.

Once I resolve my warrant at Second Chance, will it still appear on my criminal record?

You will receive a letter (Certificate of Disposition) from the Court showing that your warrant has been "vacated" from your record. It may take several days for your digital records to be updated. Until then, it will be important to keep the letter on you at all times.

What other resources are available at Second Chance?

Our resource fair will include access to job training, healthcare, education, legal assistance, and general social services.