

What Are My Rights When Charged with A Crime?

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As US citizens, we have a number of important rights when charged with a crime. ***The United States Constitution provides certain protections designed to protect an innocent defendant from being convicted.*** In addition, Utah Code 77-1-6 entitles additional rights for an individual charged with a criminal action for any violation of Utah state statutes or the violation of county or municipal ordinances.

If you or someone you love has been charged with a crime in Utah and you are left wondering, 'what are my rights when charged with a crime?', ***it is important to find an experienced criminal defense attorney to advise you of your rights and legal options.***

If you feel your ***constitutional or state rights are being violated***, or you were not read your Miranda Rights at the time of your arrest, contact **Wasatch Defense Attorneys** for your ***free, no-obligation case review.***

Overview of Your Rights

It is important to be aware of your rights, especially when you are facing criminal charges. Crimes are classified into three categories: infractions, misdemeanors and felonies. ***While your rights as a defendant remain the same, the legal actions taken against you will differ depending on the classification*** as it is specified in the applicable criminal statute.

If you have been arrested for criminal violations or have been indicted by a grand jury, ***your rights will ensure that you are presumed innocent of the charges against you.*** Your presumed innocence will remain with you throughout your trial and ***you will not be punished***

for those charges unless you have been proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Listed below is a general ***overview of your constitutional rights and the rights you are entitled to as a defendant in the Beehive State:***

Your Constitutional Rights

- **The Right to Remain Silent**
- **The Right to Legal Counsel**
- **The Right to Court Appointed Legal Counsel** if you cannot afford an attorney
- **The Right to a Public and Speedy Trial**
- **The Right to a Enter a Plea of Not Guilty**
- **The Right to an Impartial Jury Trial**
- **The Right to Testify** on your own behalf
- **The Right to Present Evidence**
- **The Right to Subpoena One or More Witnesses** to testify
- **The Right to Confront Witnesses** against you in court
- **The Right to a Unanimous Jury Verdict** (all 12 jurors must agree on a verdict or declare a mistrial)
- **The Right to Appeal** to a higher court to review a judgement

Additional Rights as a Defendant in Utah

- **The Right to Receive a Copy of Accusations** filed against you
- **The Right to Appear in Person**
- **The Right to Defend Yourself in Person or by Counsel**
- **The Right to Post Bail** in accordance with provisions of the court, or
- **The Right to a Trial Within 30 Days** post arraignment
- **The Right to Protection Against Double Jeopardy**

Furthermore, a defendant under criminal prosecution in the state of Utah ***will not be forced to give evidence against themselves and a defendant's spouse shall not be compelled to testify against his or her wife or husband.***

Find an Experienced Criminal Defense Attorney in Utah

In order to prepare and present ***the most effect defense strategy for the best possible outcome***, you'll need the ***knowledge and resources of an experienced criminal defense attorney*** in Utah. The skilled and attentive **legal defense team at Wasatch Defense Lawyers** are here to help. **Contact Us** today for your **free, confidential case review**.