

Don't get Stranded - Returning the Accused to the Community

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If you are arrested, transported to court and then released on bail, the Crown Attorney will pay the reasonable travel expenses necessary to return you to the community where the arrest occurred. WATCH OUT—there maybe some conditions:

- You may be returned to the community where the arrest occurred as the Crown Attorney is NOT required to pay for you to go to a different community even if this is a condition of your bail;
- The community must be either a remote fly-in or 500 kilometres for road access communities;
- **You must return immediately.** If you decide to stay in the urban area following your release, you will be responsible for your own travel costs.

You must ask the Crown Attorney for this assistance so be sure to request this immediately. If you need help Duty Counsel, a court worker, community legal worker or your lawyer can assist you. This policy does not apply to people released after serving a jail sentence.