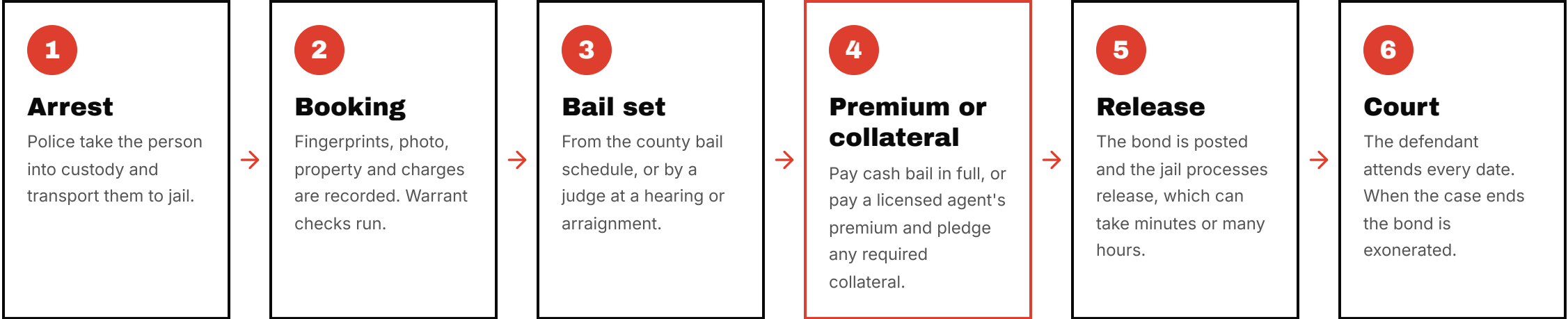


The Bail Process Flowchart

Arrest → Booking → Bail set → Premium or collateral → Release → Court.



AT THE BAIL-SETTING STEP, OTHER OUTCOMES ARE POSSIBLE

Released on own recognizance A written promise to appear, no money.	Supervised or conditional release Check-ins, monitoring or other conditions instead of, or with, bail.	Held without bail In limited cases a judge orders detention until trial.
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IF A COURT DATE IS MISSED → a bench warrant is usually issued and the bond is forfeited. See infographic 07.

WHEN THE CASE ENDS → the bond is exonerated and collateral is returned. The premium is not. See infographic 06.

General overview of common U.S. practice. Steps, timing and options vary by state, county and charge, and some states do not use commercial bail bonds at all. Not legal advice.

Sources: Cal. Penal Code §§ 1269b, 1305, 1318; Cal. Ins. Code § 1800; California Department of Insurance.

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