

Arizona Criminal Law FAQ: What Is House Arrest?

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Since most [Arizona white-collar crimes](#) are non-violent, defendants can sometimes avoid serving time in jail or prison by agreeing to house arrest. Martha Stewart was sentenced to five months of house arrest following her release from prison on perjury charges. Bernie Madoff was confined to his home while awaiting trial for charges related to his Ponzi scheme.

House arrest is generally used in these two situations—either to allow a white-collar defendant to live at home while awaiting trial or to allow a convicted white-collar offender to serve a sentence at home rather than in prison.

The terms of house arrest, also referred to as home confinement, home detention, or electronic monitoring, differ in each case. In some cases, offenders are allowed to work and must only be home during non-working hours. In other cases, offenders are only permitted to leave their homes for specific, predetermined purposes, such as meetings with a probation officer or scheduled medical appointments.

House arrest is generally enforced through the use of monitoring technology. Offenders are generally required to wear an electronic bracelet either on the wrist or ankle. The bracelet sends out an alert if the person leaves the approved area or the device is tampered with in any way. Compliance with the terms of house arrest is also monitored through calls made randomly or at assigned times. Violating the terms of house arrest often results in incarceration.

How We Can Help

While the level of confinement varies, house arrest allows white-collar offenders to maintain parts of their normal life, including spending time with friends and family. To find out if you may be eligible for house arrest, it is important to consult with an experienced Arizona white-collar criminal defense attorney.

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