

D.A.I.S.:

DAIS is a program that will last for several months 3 those placed on probation for domestic abuse.

If a person fails to appear or is late to class on three (3) occasions, that individual will receive a report if probation violation and will not be permitted back in the class. Person who have failed to complete the DAIS program will likely face a jail sentence and be required to start the DAIS program from the beginning.

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Probation Violations



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Probation violation proceedings are extremely serious matters. A person who is charged with a probation violation should immediately contact their probation officer and their attorney.

INFORMAL PROBATION:

Informal probation is where the individual is required to complete their probation requirements on their own and without supervision. If they receive notice that they have violated a term of their informal probation, or if they have a question about informal probation, that individual should immediately contact their informal probation department at (515) 286-3531. The individual should also contact their attorney.

FORMAL PROBATION:

Formal probation is where the individual is required to complete their probation requirements under the supervision of a probation officer. When a person is placed on formal probation, the individual is given a Court Order directing the individual to contact the formal probation department within the specific period of time. When that person contacts the probation office, he or she is assigned a probation officer. If one receives notice that they have violated a term of their formal probation, or if there is a question about formal probation, the individual should immediately contact the formal probation department at (515) 286-6681. The individual should also contact their attorney.

Where Should You Go?

MISDEMEANORS:

If a person is on probation for a simple misdemeanor or an aggravated misdemeanor, and that individual is not in custody at the time of the hearing, that individual should appear in Room 109 of the Polk County Courthouse unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Probation violation hearings are scheduled at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

FELONIES:

If a person is on probation for a felony, that individual will be appearing for his or her probation violation hearing in Room 204 of the Polk County Courthouse unless otherwise ordered by the Court Probation violation hearings which are scheduled at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. If there is a question about a felony court proceeding, please call (515) 286-3423.

JAIL COURT:

If a person is in custody on a misdemeanor charge at the time of their probation violation hearing, that individual will appear at the jail courtroom at the Polk County Jail. Only jail employees, attorneys and those involved in the criminal justice process are allowed to be present at the jail courtroom. The jail courtroom is located on the second floor of the Polk County Jail. Those who wish to observe the jail courtroom proceedings may do so by watching the video television located west of the rotunda on the first floor of the Polk County Courthouse. Jail Court is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. If there is a question about Jail Court proceedings, please call (515) 286-3189.

FINES:

If a person owes money or if there is a question about money owed on a criminal case where a probation violation charge is pending, go to Room 109 in the Polk County Courthouse and speak with the Court's attendant.

CONVERTING SENTANCES:

Individuals may, in certain circumstances, convert community service to a fine, the individual must be able to pay the full amount of the fine on the day that it converts. If the individual wishing to convert has a deferred judgment, that individual can convert the community service to a charitable contribution. Those wishing to convert can do so by walk-in at Room 109 of the Polk County Courthouse at 1:30 p.m.

OWI WEEKENDS:

Individuals who have been convicted of OW1 or who have received a deferred judgment for OW1 must attend a weekend OW1 program. Once the OW1 weekend has been scheduled, it cannot be changed individuals must attend the OW1 weekend program on their assigned date unless there is an emergency. If there is an emergency, that person must contact his or her probation officer as soon as possible.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION:

Individuals who violate a term of their probation may receive contempt time in jail, a revocation of their probation or receive another chance. If you receive a probation violation notice, try to complete i.e. term you have violated before the probation hearing. Again, contact your probation officer and ask whether this is an option.