



## The Problem

- There are few events in life that are as traumatic as being arrested for a crime. In a split moment, you go from being a free person to a prisoner in handcuffs, taken away from your home, family, and friends and locked up in jail. You feel scared and helpless. Narratives of incidents of rape amongst detainees are notorious and arrest has become a way to punish individuals who law enforcement officials considered to be disrespectful, how misdirected it may be. Nobody ever anticipates an arrest, but you need to be prepared, just in case. *Arrest SOS* is the solution.

## Our Solution

*Arrest SOS* was designed by an Advocate who is daily involved in criminal litigation and who saw how individuals spent more time in jail as was needed. He observed that a lot of people get arrested every year, are decent people who make a mistake that puts them on the wrong side of the law. He also noted inefficiencies in the system that sometimes left such clients sitting in jail for days unnecessary. Our service is available in all Provinces of South Africa.

- **Solution** – We are available 24/7 to apply, fix and pay bail on your behalf and thereby ensure that you don't have to spend unnecessary time behind bars. We therefore not only negotiate bail to be granted but we also pay the bail amount whereupon the client is immediately released from prison.
- **Legal assistance** – *Arrest SOS* with a national footprint of dedicated lawyers skilled in criminal litigation available 24/7 is indispensable for any arrested individual. A lawyer will come to the police station and will physically assist you to obtain bail where after the bail amount to a maximum of R3000.00 will be paid by the lawyer on your behalf.

## Our service:

We have a unique system where the process from the initial report are being controlled, supervised and managed by the director of the company with years of experience in criminal litigation. Our national criminal litigation lawyer network has been built over years and it will assist any arrested individual within 3 hours from the initial report. We don't have to search for a particular lawyer in a specific area after receipt of a distress call. We already have a lawyer(s) on stand-by to assist.

### **Your personal assistance service will include:**

- A call centre available 24/7, 365 days a year if you are arrested and requires bail.
- Comprehensive legal advice and assistance to apply for bail.
- A personal appearance and assistance of a lawyer at the police station to consult with you and advice you in respect of your rights and to apply for bail to be fixed.
- We have the list of standby prosecutors for bail and their cellular phone numbers available.
- Make arrangements with family members to obtain documents needed to fix bail.
- Once bail has been fixed, we will pay the bail on your behalf to a maximum of R3000,00.
- Most of our lawyers on our panel has built up a relationship with police officers in their areas and is therefore in a better position to assist an arrested individual than anyone else.
- Arrange further assistance in court on behalf of the client.

### **Our assistance will be for the following crimes:**

- Any common law crime which is crimes such as murder, robbery, fraud, theft, housebreaking, kidnapping, attempted murder, culpable homicide, assault etc.
- Any statutory crime which is crimes such as Unlawful possession of a firearm or ammunition, narcotic related offences, any environmental offence, reckless and negligent driving, drunken driving, speed violations, other vehicle related infringements, contempt of court etc.
- Any arrest following a warrant of arrest issued.
- Any arrest following domestic abuse or in violation of a domestic violence interdict.

### **Benefit available to:**

- Any *Arrest SOS* beneficiary, provided the membership fees are fully paid.

### **The process of assistance:**

Contact the Call Centre and provide your details. Your membership details will be verified and you will be given a case number.

- The company will contact the client and establish the circumstances of the arrest;
- A lawyer on our panel in the area where you have been arrested will be contacted and dispatched to the police station;
- The lawyer will contact the investigation officer of the case and will establish the nature of the alleged crime;
- The lawyer will then arrive and consult with you at the police station to establish whether your profile permits an after-hours bail application;
- If your profile, nature of the offence and circumstances of the arrest permits the granting of bail at the police station, the lawyer will arrange with the police and/or where relevant the stand by prosecutor to fix bail;

- The lawyer will also contact a family member to arrange the necessary documents required for the bail application to be made available;
- Once bail has been fixed, the lawyer will pay the bail on your behalf to a maximum of R3000.00. The bail receipt and the bail amount will remain the property of *Arrest SOS*.
- The lawyer will be at the police station within 3 (three) hours after we have been advised of the arrest.
- If the client requires the further assistance of the lawyer to represent him in the matter, we will negotiate fees on his behalf with the lawyer.
- The initial fee of the lawyer attending at the police station and arranging bail, will be for the account of *Arrest SOS*.
- If the lawyer attending to the arrest is of the opinion that the arrest was unlawful and that the client is entitled to claim damages following the arrest, *Arrest SOS* will prosecute the claim through one of its lawyers free of charge on behalf of the client against the relevant law enforcement agency.

## Terms and Conditions

- The benefit is only available to a registered paid member of *Arrest SOS*;
- The maximum bail amount payable by *Arrest SOS* is R3000.00;
- The bail receipt and the amount paid remains the property of *Arrest SOS*;
- *Arrest SOS* is entitled to a refund of the bail amount after completion of the case;
- *Arrest SOS* is only responsible for payment of the lawyer's fee for the initial appearance at the police station;
- The decision to prosecute a claim for unlawful arrest remains within the discretion of *Arrest SOS* and the company's decision in this regard is final and binding on this aspect;
- If a client wishes to prosecute a claim for unlawful arrest and decides not to make use of a lawyer on the panel of *Arrest SOS*, the company will not be liable to prosecute the claim in terms of the benefit;
- *Arrest SOS* will not be held liable for any damages a client may suffer pursuant to the actions of the South African Police Service and / or any other government official involved in the process.