

WAC 308-19-440 Standards of professional conduct. (1) A bail bond agent shall maintain a detailed record of any collateral taken as security on any bond to the principal, indemnitor, or depositor of such collateral.

(2) A bail bond agent shall preserve or retain separately any collateral or to retain any collateral taken as security on any bond.

(3) A bail bond agent shall not have an outstanding judgment on a bail forfeiture, which judgment is or has been subject to execution on demand.

(4) A bail bond agent shall not use a relationship with any person employed by a jail facility to obtain referrals, or pay a fee or rebate or give or promise anything of value to any person having the power of arrest or having control of federal, state, county, or municipal prisoners, trustees or prisoners incarcerated in any jail, prison or any other place used for the incarceration of persons.

(5) A bail bond agent shall not require as a condition of his/her executing a bail bond that the principal or defendant agree to engage the services of a specific attorney.

(6) A bail bond agent shall not prepare or issue forged bonds or a forged power of attorney.

(7) A bail bond agent shall not arrest or make a threat of arrest to a defendant when the defendant or the indemnitor fails to fulfill a promise to repay credit extended by the bail bond agent.

(8) A bail bond agent shall not pay a fee or rebate or give or promise anything of value to the principal or anyone on his or her behalf.

(9) A bail bond agent shall not pay a fee or rebate or give anything of value to an attorney in bail bond matters, except for legal services actually rendered on behalf of the bail bond agent.

(10) A bail bond agent shall not pay a fee or rebate or pay for a referral except from another bonding company, or promise anything of value to a person in order to secure a settlement, compromise, remission or reduction of the amount of any bail bond.

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