## **Court Evaluation FAQ Sheet**

Answers to the Most Common Legal Evaluation Questions

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### What is a court-ordered evaluation?

A court-ordered evaluation is a professional assessment typically mandated by a judge, attorney, or probation officer. It helps determine your behavioral health needs (such as substance use, anger management, or mental health) and ensures legal compliance.

## Why do I need one?

You may be required to complete an evaluation after being charged with a DUI, drug offense, domestic violence, theft, or other legal issue. It helps the court understand the context of your behavior and appropriate next steps.

# What types of evaluations do you offer?

- Substance Use Evaluations
- Anger Management Assessments
- Mental Health Evaluations
- Domestic Violence Assessments
- Theft/Shoplifting Diversion Evaluations

# How long does it take?

Most evaluations are completed in one session, usually lasting 60–90 minutes. You may be asked to fill out forms in advance or provide follow-up information

# What do I need to bring?

- Valid photo ID
- Any court paperwork or referral documents

- List of previous treatments or arrests (if applicable)
- Payment method (credit/debit card, cash, or prepaid online)

#### Will the results be sent to the court?

Yes. Once the evaluation is complete, we prepare a professional summary and send it directly to your referring party (court, probation officer, or attorney) upon request.

### Is this confidential?

Yes. All evaluations are confidential and follow HIPAA guidelines. Information is only shared with authorized legal representatives.

#### How soon can I schedule?

Most appointments can be scheduled within 24–48 hours. Same-day appointments may be available upon request.

## What happens if I don't complete it?

Failure to complete a required evaluation may result in legal consequences, such as probation violation, delays in court proceedings, or additional penalties.

For more information or to schedule an evaluation, contact us today. We're here to help you navigate your legal obligations with professionalism and care.

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