

There are no hard and fast rules about what sanction you will receive when you mess up. Here are some general principles:

- Typically, sanctions start out mild and gradually increase in seriousness: first a verbal warning, then a writing assignment, then more frequent court appearances, then road crew, then jail. Long periods of compliance tend to “re-set” the clock. Certain violations tend to elicit “standard responses” regardless of your sanction history:
 - The first time you submit your support group slips late, you will be asked to return to court to make a short speech about your favorite support group.
 - The first time you get a dilute, you will be asked to return to court early and given a packet of information about avoiding accidental dilutes.
- Jail sanctions are usually short in duration (**1 to 3 days**). Here are some of the circumstances that have prompted the judge to order jail in the past:
 - Repeated failure to meet multiple obligations (**3 days jail**)
 - Lying to the court, especially about drug use (**1 day jail**)
 - Getting kicked out of a residential treatment program or recovery house such as Sponsors, or leaving voluntarily without your PO’s permission (**typically, 3 days + possible termination**)
 - Breaking the law (even if you are not arrested) (1 to 3 days jail)
 - Cursing out your counselor (**1 day jail**)
 - Positive UA after a period of sobriety (**typically, 3 custody units, i.e. road crew, jail, or a combination of the two**). All positive UA’s are treated the same way: low levels and high levels, legal substances and illegal substances.
- If you miss a court date and stop showing up for all obligations, the court will issue a warrant. When you are picked up on that warrant, you will be incarcerated until the next available treatment court day (1 to 6 days later) and sentenced to 3 additional days. The DA may later charge you with Failure To Appear.