

# Safe Surrender FAQ

**Q.** Can I turn myself in even if my warrant is not from Summit County?

**A.** Fugitive Safe Surrender benefits people with a warrant issued by the county where the program is being held. If you have a warrant from a different county than Summit, you may still surrender but your chances of being taken into custody may be greater because authorities from the county/city where your warrant was issued will not be present.

**Q.** Will I go to jail if I turn myself in?

**A.** Everyone's case is different, but typically 90% or more of people who surrender during FSS do NOT go to jail. They are released directly from the church where they surrendered within hours of turning themselves in.

**Q.** What sort of ID do I need to bring?

**A.** You can bring any form of ID that you have — Social Security card, birth certificate, Medicare/Medicaid card. etc. If you do not have any ID, you may still turn yourself in.

**Q.** Can I turn myself in if I am wanted on a violent charge?

**A.** Yes, all fugitives are welcome to surrender at FSS. However, those with violent warrants are typically taken into custody.

**Q.** Is Fugitive Safe Surrender an amnesty program?

**A.** No, Fugitive Safe Surrender is not an amnesty program. FSS offers individuals who want to re-enter the mainstream of their communities a first step toward a second chance in the form of favorable consideration from the court. The handling of criminal charges is decided by the prosecutor and judge, but favorable consideration is typically given in the spirit of the program.

**Q.** Is there a religious requirement to participate in the program?

**A.** There is no religious requirement. Fugitive Safe Surrender utilizes houses of worship due to their connection to the community and because they are safe, neutral setting for fugitives to surrender to authorities.

**Q.** Will child care be provided at the site?

**A.** Yes, child care will be provided by House of the Lord.