

STEPS TO COMPLETE CHECK DIVERSION PROGRAM

1. You **MUST** pay restitution to the person or business to whom you wrote a worthless check and obtain a receipt from them indicating that the check has been paid in full.
2. You **MUST** bring the receipt for your restitution to the State Attorney's Office. Only a receipt from the victim will be accepted (copies of the money order or certified checks will not be accepted).
3. You **MUST** sign a Diversion Program Agreement at the State Attorney's Office agreeing to complete the remaining conditions of the Diversion Program.
4. You **MUST** pay a Diversion Program fee for **each** check that has been filed with the State Attorney's Office. **MONEY ORDERS** and **CERTIFIED CHECKS** are the **ONLY** acceptable means of paying the Diversion Program fees. The fee for each checks is listed below:

\$25 if check is not more than \$50.00

\$30 if the check is more than \$50 but no more than \$300

\$40 if the check is more than \$300 (and up)

5. After you have paid the Diversion Program fee(s) you will be allowed to receive the Worthless Check Diversion Program Course Materials. Please read these materials at your leisure in order to learn how maintain good financial records and become educated regarding the Florida law regarding worthless checks.

Failure to complete any of the above listed steps will result in your case being presented to the Court for criminal prosecution. If you successfully complete the Diversion Program no further prosecution will result.

If you believe you have a defense to the complaint for the worthless checks against you, any statements **MUST** be presented to the State Attorney's Office in **writing**. Attach copies of any receipts, bank statements or other evidence you believe is relevant.

The penalties for passing a worthless check are as follows:

-1st Degree Misdemeanor up to one (1) years in County Jail and/or \$1000 fine

-3rd Degree Felony up to five years in State Prison and/or \$5000 fine