



In America, everybody tries to be very careful and fair when deciding whether people have broken the law or not. That is because if people are found guilty of breaking the law, they can be punished.

It is not enough that the judge or jury thinks the defendant probably broke the law. The law says that a judge or jury cannot find a person guilty unless they feel certain that the person broke the law.

## Rules for Witnesses

- Tell the truth.
- If you cannot remember something or do not understand what someone says, you can say "I do not understand."
- If you do not know the answer to a question, say you do not know -- do not guess.
- If you are sure about the answer to a question, you can say so. If you are not sure, you can tell the judge what parts you are not sure you can answer.
- Talk to the judge if something is bothering you or if you have a question while you are being a witness.