



The right to be tried without undue delay



This right limits uncertainty for the person facing criminal charges and, if in case of detention, helps protect their right to liberty



The right provides that:

- Lengthy pending indictments and long delays of criminal proceedings can violate this right, as they create uncertainty and intimidation for an individual facing criminal charges.
- In cases of pre-trial detention, when the individual is denied bail by the court, he/she must be brought to trial as soon as possible to avoid uncertainty.

Domestic Law

Cambodian Criminal Procedure Code



Article 205

Sets out an exhaustive list of circumstances in which pre-trial detention will be justified

Article 208

States a limitation on pre-trial detention, it should not exceed a duration of 18 months



International Law



International Covenant on Civil & Political Rights

Article 14 3 (c)

Enshrines the right to be tried without undue delay

Article 9(3)

Enshrines the right to be tried within a reasonable time, along with the presumption against pre-trial detention



Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Article 11 (1)

Outlines the right to the presumption of innocence until proven guilty

