

What happens if you don't go to the conference or reach/finish an agreement?



If you don't go to the conference or reach/finish the agreement the police will be told.

The police will decide what actions to take next. They might:



Police

- send you to court
- give you another chance to attend a conference
- give you a caution, or
- take no action.

A restorative justice conference can make a difference to you and your family by talking about what happened.



You can help by trying to repair the harm to the victim, your family, and the community.

For more information on restorative justice and other Youth Justice programs, please visit us online at www.qld.gov.au/youthjusticeservices.

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Work together
to prevent
crime



Act early
to reconnect young
people to a life
without crime



Support change
to new behaviours
and a positive
future

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Police referral to a restorative justice conference

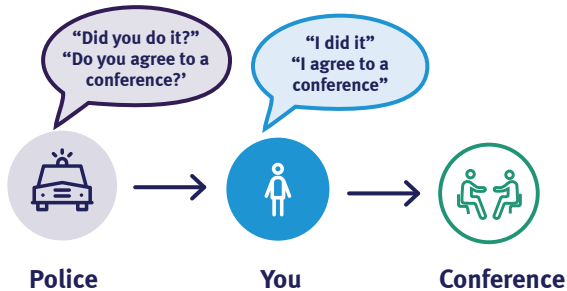
Information for children who have been referred by police to a restorative justice conference



What is a police referral?

You have admitted to a police officer that you broke the law. The police officer has given you a chance to make things right.

The police officer has decided to send you to a restorative justice conference instead of sending you to court for sentencing. You have agreed to this referral.



What is the purpose of a conference?

Restorative justice is about repairing the harm caused by the offence. A conference allows the people hurt by your offence to talk about what happened and work out what you can do to try to repair the harm.

What happens before a conference?

A convenor is a person who is approved to run a conference. A convenor will contact all participants and arrange a time to meet before the conference.



The convenor will:



Convenor

- say who else will be present at the conference
- explain what will happen at the conference
- help you get ready for it
- listen and answer your questions
- talk about your right to legal advice and confidentiality.

What happens at a conference?

You will meet in a safe place so that everyone can talk about what happened. Everyone will get a chance to tell their story and ask questions.

Who might be at a conference?

The convenor will talk with you about who will be there. You will be able to bring people to support you.



What happens at the end of a conference?

The agreement



The agreement

Signed by you, victim and convenor (& police officer if they attend)



At the end of the conference everyone in the room will work out the agreement.



The agreement lists what can be done to start to make things right for the victim. The agreement is enforceable under the law.



The people at the conference agree to a time frame for you to finish everything on the agreement.



The agreement includes who will support you to finish the agreement and how that will happen.

What happens when you finish the agreement?



Conference

Agreement complete



No criminal history



No police



All done



Complete the agreement and you will not need to go back to the police.



This offence will not be on your criminal history.

In Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, members of the local community justice group, Elders and/or extended family members may also be invited to participate.