

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



If you don't go to the conference or reach an agreement the court will be told.

The court will:



Court

- sentence you for the offence

The court might put you on a Restorative Justice Order.

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



You

Understand the impact of your actions

Start to try to repair the harm

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

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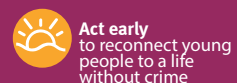
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Work together to prevent crime



Act early to reconnect young people to a life without crime



Support change to new behaviours and a positive future

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Pre-sentence referral to a restorative justice conference

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



What is a pre-sentence referral?

You have been to court and admitted to breaking the law. The court has given you a chance to make things right.

You have agreed to go to a restorative justice conference before you are sentenced. If you attend the conference, this will help the court decide what sort of sentence order to make.



What is the purpose of a conference?

Restorative justice is about repairing the harm caused by the offence. A conference allows the people harmed 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.



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.

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.

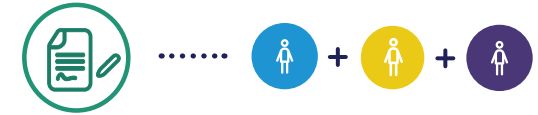
Who might be at a conference?

The convenor will talk with you about who will be there. You will be able to bring people to support you. You have the right to legal representation.



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 reach an agreement?



Conference

Agreement reached



Back to court

Attend the conference, work out an agreement and the court will be told. You will then be sentenced.



The court must consider your participation in the conference.