



## After detention

You will be on a supervised release order when you first leave the centre.

Youth Justice officers will talk to you about what this means and what you need to do on a supervised release order. They will do this before you leave detention.

## Transfer to adult prison

We will give you a prison transfer direction if you:

- turn 18 years old in detention
- are 18, but less than 18 and six months, when sentenced to a period of detention
- still have two months or more to spend in custody
- meet particular criteria.

This form will include information about the date you will be transferred. We will also give you information about how to apply for a temporary delay of transfer.

Our staff will help you get ready for the transfer to adult prison.

If you are 18 years and six months old or older, you will go straight to an adult prison.

The Youth Justice officer at court will tell you if you will go to a youth detention centre or a prison.

## Talking about my problems in detention

There are many people in the detention centre to help you. You can talk to any of them about any problems you may have.

You can also talk to:

- your lawyer
- community visitors
- community Elders
- your family/carers on the phone or when they visit.

## Need more information?



Web [www.qld.gov.au/youthjustice](http://www.qld.gov.au/youthjustice)

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# Detention orders for young people

A court may make a detention order if you say you are guilty of an offence or if a court finds you guilty. This means you must spend a set amount of time in a youth detention centre. The court will say how long you will be there.

A higher court can send you to detention for up to five years, or longer depending on your offence.

Queensland has three detention centres:

- Brisbane Youth Detention Centre (Wacol)
- Cleveland Youth Detention Centre (Townsville)
- West Moreton Youth Detention Centre (Wacol).

A detention order starts on the day you are sentenced. If you spent time in a youth detention centre before sentencing it may count as part of your sentence.

A detention order has two parts. You will spend the first part in a youth detention centre and the second part in the community on a supervised release order.

The court will decide how long each of these parts goes for. You might be ordered to spend 50-70% of your order in the centre and the rest on a supervised release order.

## What it involves

Youth Justice officers will talk to you about how you will spend your time.

You will work with Youth Justice officers to:

- understand why you broke the law
- learn how to stop offending in the future
- look at any other needs you have while you are in detention.

When you are in detention there are many people to help you, including:

- detention youth workers
- caseworkers
- psychologists and speech therapists
- doctors and nurses
- teachers
- drug and alcohol counsellors.

The programs in detention include:

- education and training
- culture
- sport
- recreation
- life skills
- programs to help you change your behaviour and stop offending.

Each day you will follow a routine that includes set meal times and programs that you will attend.

## Rules

In detention, you are expected to behave in line with these principles:

- be respectful
- be safe
- be responsible
- be active.

You will:

- go to school
- take part in programs
- show respect to staff and other young people
- follow staff instructions
- do chores in your unit
- use good manners
- maintain good hygiene
- go to bed at bedtime.

## Arriving at the centre

When you arrive at the youth detention centre a nurse will check that you are well.

You will meet youth detention centre staff from the area you will live in. They will:

- help you understand what is happening
- explain how the centre works
- tell you what the rules are
- give you a booklet that tells you about the youth detention centre
- answer your questions or concerns.

The next business day you will meet your detention caseworker who will talk to you more about your time in detention.

Your caseworker will:

- make sure you know who your lawyer is
- talk with you about your time in detention and the programs you will do
- work on your phone list with you (the list of people who you can call).