

## Youth Justice

# Victim Eligible Persons Register - Youth

## What is the Victim Eligible Persons Register - Youth?

The Victim Eligible Persons Register - Youth provides information to eligible persons about a young person detained in a detention centre who has been sentenced to detention for an offence of violence or a sexual offence\*.

This information is provided under the *Youth Justice Act 1992* (the Act).

## Who can receive information?

The following persons may apply to receive information about the young person who committed the offence:

- a victim of the offence;
- if a victim is deceased, an immediate family member of the deceased victim;
- if a victim is a child or has a legal incapacity – the victim's parent;
- another person whose life is reasonably expected to be endangered because of the young person history of violence against them or a connection between them and the offence.

Under section 5(1) of the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009*, a victim is defined as a person who has suffered harm:

- because a crime has been committed against the person
- because the person is a family member or dependent of the person who has been a victim of a crime against the person
- as a direct result of intervening to help a person who has been a victim of a crime committed against the person.

## What information is available?

Under section 282F of the Act, information available to the victim includes:

- the transfer of the young person between detention centres or interstate or overseas under a scheme for the transfer of children detained under a sentence;
- the transfer of the young person to a corrective services facility;
- the length of the period of the young person's detention ;
- the day the young person is eligible for, or due for, release, including under a supervised release order under section 228 of the Act;
- any further cumulative periods of detention imposed on the convicted young person while in custody for the offence;



- if the child receives permission to engage in activities outside of the detention centre under section 269 of the *Youth Justice Act 1992*;
- whether the young person is unlawfully at large; and
- the death of the young person.

Information provided about young people is supplied to assist victims of crime and should be treated as confidential.

## How to apply

To apply for information, complete a Victim Eligible Persons Register – Youth application form and send it to the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

Application forms are available by contacting Youth Justice (see details below) or from [www.qld.gov.au/youthjustice](http://www.qld.gov.au/youthjustice).

For more information contact:

Victim Eligible Persons Register -  
Youth  
Youth Justice Practice Support  
Department of Justice and Attorney-General  
GPO Box 149  
BRISBANE Q 4001

or phone 13QGOV (13 74 68)

## Removal from the register

Your registration details will be automatically removed once the young person is:

- discharged;
- dies in detention;
- is transferred to another jurisdiction; or
- is transferred to a corrective services facility; or
- if the young person's conviction is overturned;
- or
- if you request to be removed.

The department may remove you from the register if you disclose, detainee information received unless if reasonably necessary to obtain counselling, advice or other treatment.

## What is the aim of Youth Justice Services?

Youth Justice Services in Queensland aims to provide a fair and balanced approach to youth offending which:

- holds young people accountable for their actions and contributes to public safety
- acknowledges the needs of victims and provides opportunities for them to participate in the criminal justice system.

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General is committed to including victims as part of the criminal justice system.

As well as providing services to young people to enable them to address their offending behaviours, the Department of Justice and Attorney-General recognises that victims may feel better equipped to plan for the future if they are provided with some relevant information about the person who has offended against them.

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General will keep the name and address details you provide to the register confidential unless you have applied under section 282A(2)(d) as a person whose life is reasonably expected to be endangered because of the young person's history of violence against you or a connection between you and the offence in which case the young person has the opportunity to make a submission as to why you should not be registered.

\* **sexual offence** see the Corrective Services Act 2006, schedule 4

**violent offence** means an offence in which a victim suffers actual or threatened violence.