



Youth Justice NSW

Youth Justice Conferencing Factsheet for Victims

What is a Youth Justice Conference?

A Youth Justice Conference is a meeting between the people who have been directly affected by an offence. The aim of the conference is for you and the young offender to come to an agreement about what they need to do to repair any harm their actions may have caused. This agreement is called an outcome plan.

Who organises the conference?

The Conference Convenor organises the conference. They will plan the conference date, time and location with everyone involved. They will also spend time with you before the conference explaining the conference process and your crucial role in it.

Do I have to attend?

You are entitled to attend a conference but you do not have to attend in person. You may elect to choose a person to attend as your representative or elect to provide a written letter or statement. If you wish to not be involved in the process at all, this is also OK.

Will I have to say anything?

We would like to hear about the impact of the offence on you. You might like to talk about what the young offender could do to make up for the harm that has been caused to you. You can also ask the young offender questions about the offence.

What are the benefits of attending?

The conference gives you the opportunity to tell the young offender directly how you feel. You can also be involved in deciding the tasks the young offender must complete to repair some of the harm they have caused.

The Conference Convenor will discuss any ideas you may have before the conference and can answer any questions.

Who can attend?

- You or a representative you choose
- Your nominated support people
- The young offender
- The young offender's parent/carers
- The Police
- The Conference Convenor
- Other people invited by the convenor

What are my rights?

- You have the right to attend the conference.
- You have the right to an interpreter.
- You have the right to send a representative.
- If you personally attend the conference, you have the right to veto any outcome plan task.
- You have the right to be accompanied by a support person.

You also have additional rights under the Charter of Victim's Rights. The Charter is available on the Victims Services website www.victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au

What supports are available to me?

The Conference Convenor can provide you with information about services that can support you. To get more information about supports and your rights as a victim of crime, contact:

Victim Access Line: 1800 633 063

Aboriginal Victims Access Line: 1800 019 123

Or go to www.victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au



WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Our website has some more information about youth justice conferences and links to relevant websites.

Go to www.justice.nsw.gov.au