

# Young Adult List

Information for Victims

web: [victimsinfo.govt.nz](http://victimsinfo.govt.nz)

This factsheet explains what the Young Adult List is.

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## What is the Young Adult List?

The Young Adult List is an approach to court matters where the person accused of a crime is aged 18-25. All these matters are heard at a dedicated time each week, and everyone involved works to make sure everyone, including victims, understands what is happening in court. If the young adult pleads guilty, the court aims to understand why they have committed this crime. The young adult may take part in programmes designed to stop further offending.

## Court Victim Advisors

Court Victim Advisors can provide you with a free and confidential service. They'll give you information about:

- how the court works
- your rights under the Victims' Rights Act 2002
- how you can give your views, at sentencing, in a victim impact statement about the harm caused
- whether you qualify for the victim notification register, which is how Corrections keeps you updated on any sentence the young adult serves, and how you can register
- what support and protection are available if you are unsafe
- help you prepare if you are a witness.

They'll generally contact you after the young adult's first appearance and provide you with updates as the court case progresses.



## Attending court

If you choose to come to court to watch a hearing, you can sit in the public gallery. In some courts, you may also be able to sit in the body of the Court. Your Court Victim Advisor will discuss what support you need if you attend court.

## What happens at court

People working in the Young Adult List, including the Judge will speak in a way that everyone can understand. They will avoid using legal words as much as possible.

If the young adult pleads guilty, a plan might be developed for them. A plan is an agreement the young adult makes to do certain things (such as attending courses) which the Judge may consider at sentencing.

## Going to Trial

If the young adult does not plead guilty, you may be asked to come to court by the Police to give evidence in the court case. If the young adult does not plead guilty, they will not be in the Young Adult List and will then move to a trial.

You can bring a support person to court with you. Your Court Victim Advisor can help you to prepare before you need to give evidence and make sure you are supported through the process.

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## Restorative Justice Service

You may be able to attend a restorative justice conference. This is a voluntary process that gives you an opportunity to meet with the young adult to address the harm that has occurred. A meeting is held in a safe place with an experienced facilitator, and you can bring support people with you. The conference gives you a chance to tell the young adult how the crime affected you and how that harm can be put right.

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### Victim Impact Statement (your impact statement)

If a young adult pleads guilty or is found guilty, you can provide a victim impact statement to be considered at their sentencing. If you chose to write a statement, the Police or Victim Support will be able to help you. You can request to read your statement at sentencing.



### More information

The Victims Centre gives information about support services and the justice system to people affected by crime. Call 0800 650 654 or visit [victimsinfo.govt.nz](https://victimsinfo.govt.nz)

You can also contact the court by ringing 0800 268 787 or by visiting <https://www.justice.govt.nz/>.

