

Youth Justice

Victim Information Register

What is the Victim Information Register?

The Victim Information Register provides information to registered victims about young people who have committed an offence against a person and are convicted and ordered to a period of detention for that offence.

This information is provided under the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009* (the Act).

Who can receive information?

Only a victim of a crime, as defined in the Act, can receive the information about the person who committed the crime against them.

Under section 5(1) of the Act, 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.

Under section 16(1) of the Act, before the information can be given to the victim of the offence, the person who committed the offence must have been both convicted of the offence and sentenced to imprisonment or detention.

What information is available?

Under section 16(2) of the Act, information available to the victim includes:

- the start day and length of the convicted young person's period of detention
- whether the convicted young person escapes from custody while serving the sentence
- any further cumulative periods of detention imposed on the convicted young person while in custody for the offence
- the day the convicted young person is eligible for, or due for, release under a supervised release order or due for discharge
- the convicted young person is transferred interstate or overseas under a scheme for the transfer of persons detained under sentence
- if the convicted young person is transferred from a detention centre to an adult corrective services facility

- if the convicted young person is granted leave of absence and the period for which the leave is granted.

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

How to apply

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

Application forms are available by contacting Youth Justice Practice Improvement (see details below).

For more information contact:

Victim Information Register Officer
Youth Justice Practice Improvement
Department of Justice and Attorney-General
GPO Box 149
BRISBANE Q 4001

or phone 13QGOV (13 74 68)

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 offenders 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 offenders 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.