

When a detention order ends

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.

Turning 18 in detention

If you turn 18 years old in detention and still have six months or more to spend in custody, you may be transferred to a prison.

Your detention caseworker will tell you if this is will happen and help you get ready.

If you are 18 years old or older when you are sentenced and the court says you must spend six months or more in custody, you will go straight to a prison.

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

www.cyjma.qld.gov.au



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

While you are in detention, 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 what you can do to stop offending in 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:

- doctors and nurses
- dentists
- psychologists
- speech therapists
- drug and alcohol counsellors.

The programs in detention include:

- school
- TAFE courses and work skill certificates
- culture
- sport
- recreation
- life skills
- learning programs.

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

Rules

While you are in detention, you are expected to:

- respect others
- follow reasonable instructions from Youth Justice officers, teachers and health staff
- do chores in your unit

- have good manners
- look after your hygiene
- go to bed at bedtime
- not smoke
- not swear
- not graffiti
- not have inappropriate physical contact with other young people.

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:

- check you understand what is happening
- explain how the centre works
- tell you what the rules are
- answer your questions or concerns.

They will give you a booklet that tells you about the youth detention centre.

The next business day you will meet a Youth Justice officer who will talk to you more about your time in detention. This is your detention caseworker.

Your caseworker will make sure you know who your lawyer is. They will talk with you about your time in detention and the programs you will do while you are there.

Your caseworker will also work on your phone list with you. This is the list of people who you can call.