Easy read information for adults
Victims of crimes by children and young people
Welcome

This leaflet is for you if:

- Something has been done to you by a child which is against the law
- Something has been done to your own child by another child which is against the law.

If a child breaks the law

In Scotland, if the police think a child has done something against the law, the police send information to the Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration.

The Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration - known as SCRA for short - is the organisation which makes decisions about what should happen to the child and whether they should have to go to a Children’s Hearing.

If you are a victim:

If a child has done something against the law where a person is hurt or upset, the person is called a victim.

If you are a victim of a child who has broken the law, you might receive a letter from SCRA’s Victim Information Service.

The Victim Information Service is a service for people who are victims of a crime where a child is the person who has done something against the law. As well as sending you a letter, they will also send you a leaflet with more information.

If your child is the victim

If a child does something which is against the law to your own child, your child is a victim, and they will be sent a letter if they are at least 12 years old. You will be sent a letter too.
Getting information

If you are a victim or your own child is a victim of a crime carried out by a child, you can ask SCRA some questions:

- What SCRA decides should happen to the child?
- How Scotland treats children who do things which are against the law?
- Who can help you or your child if you are upset about what has happened to you?

Asking questions

What can SCRA tell me if I ask what happened to the child who has done something against the law to me or my child?

SCRA can tell you:

- If the child will go to a Children’s Hearing. A Children’s Hearing is a special type of meeting which can make more decisions about the child. A Children’s Hearing will talk about what happened and what the child’s life is like at home and at school. They will then make a decision about whether a child needs support and what this should be.

SCRA can’t tell you:

- The child’s name
- When/where a Children’s Hearing is taking place
- Any more information about the child who has broken the law
**Need more information?**

**Telephone:**
You can telephone SCRA to get more information or help.

If you live in these areas: Ayrshire, Grampian, Glasgow, North Strathclyde, Tayside/Fife and Perth & Kinross (please ask someone if you are not sure), you can telephone

- Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm on 0131 244 4127.

If you live in Forth Valley, Highlands & Islands, Lanarkshire, Dumfries and Galloway, Lothian and Borders, you can telephone

- Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm on 0131 244 5702

**Email:**
You can email us at: victiminformation@scra.gov.uk

**Letter:**
You can write to us. There is two addresses depending on where you live.

**For Ayrshire, Grampian, Glasgow, North Strathclyde, Tayside/Fife and Perth & Kinross:**

Victim Information Co-ordinator
Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration
Albany House
3 North Street
Glenrothes
KY7 5NA

**For Forth Valley, Highlands & Islands, Lanarkshire, Dumfries and Galloway, Lothian and Borders:**

Victim Information Co-ordinator
Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration
6 Commercial Street
Dundee
DD1 3EH
Get someone to help you

You can ask someone you trust to contact us for you.

You can also find more information about SCRA on our website. It has a page with information for victims - www.scra.gov.uk