

**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.

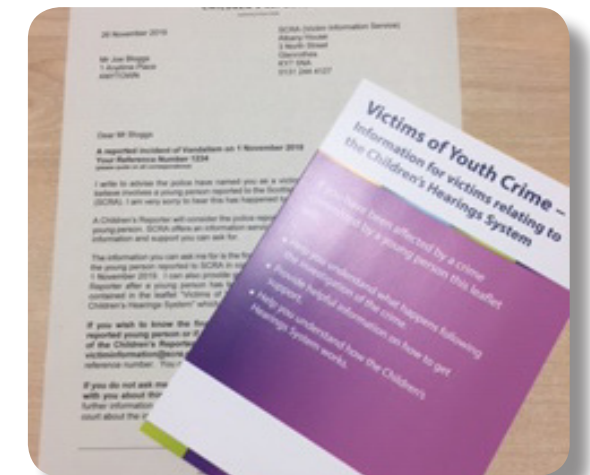


The Scottish Children's Reporter Administration - known as SCRA for short - is the organisation which makes decisions about what should happen to the child and whether they should have to go to a Children's Hearing.

## 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?

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## 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.

- If the child will not go to a Children's Hearing
- If the child will not go to a Children's Hearing, but will have to meet and talk with people so the child will stop doing things which are against the law

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.

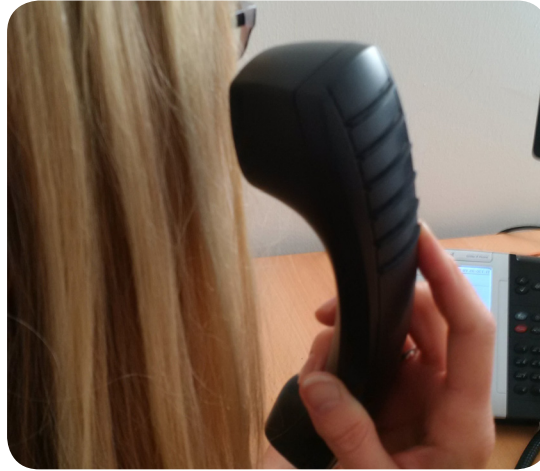
If you live in Forth Valley, Highlands & Islands, Lanarkshire, Dumfries and Galloway, Lothian and Borders, you can telephone

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

### Email:

You can email us at:

[victiminformation@scra.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://www.scra.gov.uk)

