

Possible Sentences in Youth Court (not a complete list):

Reprimand: the judge gives you a stern warning or lecture

Discharge: you are released with no conditions or with conditions and requirements

Fine not exceeding \$1000: judge names times and terms to pay

Compensation: you must pay or provide personal services to the victim to make up for loss or damage or injury

Restitution: you must return property to the victim

Community service: you must perform tasks to benefit the community

Probation: you must report to a probation officer under specific conditions named by the judge, for up to 2 years

Custody and supervision order: time spent in custody followed by a period of supervision in community

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What if a young person is found guilty of a serious crime?

- A young person who is found guilty of a serious crime may receive an adult sentence from a youth court judge.
- An adult sentence can be given only if no youth sentence is long enough to hold the young person accountable..
- Certain crimes, called presumptive offences, may result in adult sentences.
- The presumptive offences are murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, aggravated sexual assault or a pattern of repeated serious violent offences.
- In PEI you must be at least 14 years of age at the time of the offence to receive an adult sentence.

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What are extrajudicial measures?

These are out-of- court procedures used to respond to youth crime. They are to be used in all cases where they will hold you accountable for your behavior. Extrajudicial Measures include police deciding to:

- take no further action
 - issue a warning to you with or without the presence of your parents
 - refer you to a community program to help you stay out of trouble
 - refer you to an extrajudicial sanction program (more formal extrajudicial measures) such as a Community Justice Forum
- To participate in a sanction you must accept responsibility for the offence and agree to take part.

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What is a Community Justice Forum?

- A Community Justice Forum is one way to arrive at an extrajudicial sanction.
- The young person who committed the offence, the victim, support people of each, and others meet with a facilitator to discuss the incident.
- Everyone has a chance to speak about how the incident affected him or her.
- An agreement is reached about how to repair the harm done.
- If the agreement is not kept, further action may be taken.
- A forum makes it easier for everyone involved to live together more comfortably after the incident.

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Youth Records

- Records can be kept under the *YCJA* by the police, the government and the court (if it goes to court).
- Your record from extrajudicial (out of court) measures is closed after two years if you don't commit another offence.
- If you are found guilty in court, you will have a youth court record which stays open for 3-5 years after you complete the sentence and/or probation.
- If you commit another offence during this 3-5 year period, your record may be kept open longer.
- If you are over 18 and commit a crime while your youth record is open, your youth record becomes a part of your adult record.
- An adult record stays open for life unless you get a pardon.

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