

INFO SHEET

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Resources for law enforcement
to determine the correct
diversion path.



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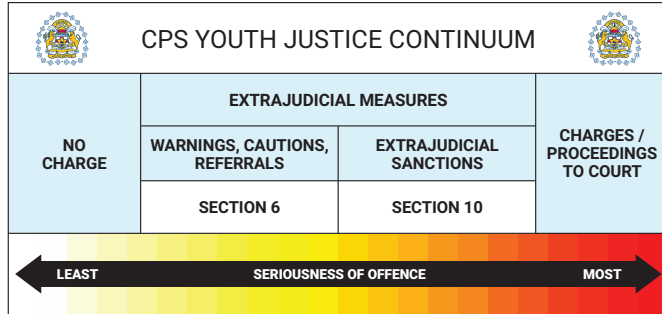
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Youth Diversion provides an opportunity to hold a youth accountable for their actions outside of formal justice processes.



CPS “Young Persons Policy” excerpt

s. 4(1)

- Extrajudicial Measures should be used in all cases where they are sufficient to hold a young person accountable.
- Officers must consider the use of Extrajudicial Measures before charging a young person with an offence.
- Extrajudicial Measures are presumed to be adequate to deal with first-time, non violent offenders.
- Extrajudicial Measures may be used, if sufficient to hold the young person accountable, even if the young person has previously committed offences.

“Youth Criminal Justice Act” excerpt

3(1)(c) within the limits of fair and proportionate accountability, the measures taken against young persons who commit offences should:

- reinforce respect for societal values,
 - encourage the repair of harm done to victims and the community,
 - be meaningful for the individual young person given his or her needs and level of development and, where appropriate, involve the parents, the extended family, the community and social or other agencies in the young person's rehabilitation and reintegration, and
 - respect gender, ethnic, cultural and linguistic differences and respond to the needs of aboriginal young persons and of young persons with special requirements
- (2) This Act shall be liberally construed so as to ensure that young persons are dealt with in accordance with the principles set out in subsection (1)

Eligibility Criteria – Extrajudicial Measures



MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Ages 12 - 17, at time of offence
- ☐ Agree to participate with Extrajudicial Measures
- ☐ Youth must accept responsibility for the offence and freely and fully agree to participate
- ☐ Grounds to lay a criminal charge exist and youth has been chartered and cautioned
- ☐ Complete Youth Diversion Referral Form

Choose one of the two following options:

PATH A

SECTION 6

Warning, Caution, Referral to Community Program

WARNINGS, CAUTIONS OR REFERRALS

- ☐ No previous criminal charges (determined on a case by case basis)
- ☐ Non-violent offence
- ☐ No previous referrals to Community Program
- ☐ Complete Youth Diversion Referral Form

PATH B

SECTION 10

Extrajudicial Sanctions

EXTRAJUDICIAL SANCTIONS

- ☐ First or second eligible offence
- ☐ Can not be dealt with by a Warning, Caution or Referral to a Community Program
- ☐ Is not a Break & Enter into a dwelling or a driving offence
- ☐ Offence is simple possession of cannabis or its products, or is an offence of glue sniffing
- ☐ Is a breach of release conditions or probation
- ☐ Complete Youth Diversion Referral Form

The App will assist you through these questions.



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The Criminal Justice Process

