

NOTICE TO YOUTH [SUMMARY OFFENCE]

To the Youth: **WARNING**

After receiving this notice, **you must follow the instructions below.**

You must decide if you will:

- (1) Plead **guilty** to the offence[s] (crime);
OR
- (2) Plead **not guilty** to the offence[s] (crime).

You should obtain legal advice before making this decision.

You will need to follow different instructions depending on whether you plead **guilty** or **not guilty**.

If you fail to follow the instructions the Court may:

- **Proceed (continue) without you, or**
- **issue a warrant for your arrest**

If you intend to plead guilty, you must:

- Attend Court yourself or through your solicitor.

Note: if you are found guilty of a driving offence, you may be issued with demerit points. If you wish to apply for the demerit points to be reduced, you must attend Court to give evidence.

OR:

If you intend to plead not guilty, you must

- Attend Court yourself or through your solicitor at the next hearing (and the subsequent hearings for your matter) and indicate a not guilty plea.

Information on Guilty Pleas

If you plead guilty to an offence, you may be eligible for a reduction in the sentence you receive for the offence. The maximum reductions available are set out in section 39 of the *Sentencing Act 2017*.

The maximum reduction you may be eligible for depends on when you plead guilty. Time begins to be counted from your first appearance in the Youth Court.

You will have an opportunity to plead guilty at any hearing. However, if you wish to plead guilty before your next hearing date, you will need to apply to have the matter called on to enter your plea. You can do this by filling out a Form 52 'Request to have Matter Called on for Guilty Plea' available on the CourtSA portal (website). If you fill out this form you must either upload it to the CourtSA website or lodge it at a Court Registry as soon as possible.

RIGHT TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION:Section 30(2)(b) of the *Young Offenders Act 1993***BEFORE YOU GO TO COURT REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO GET LEGAL ADVICE AND TO BE REPRESENTED BY A LAWYER IN COURT.**

There are three main ways to get legal help, **but do not delay**. It is in your interests to contact the person or agency of your choice as soon as possible.

1. You can contact the Legal Services Commission

- For telephone advice call 1300 366 424 (Monday – Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm, free call). General information about the LSC is available on their website at www.lsc.sa.gov.au
- For all other services, you can contact the office closest to you to make an appointment:

ADELAIDE	159 Gawler Place, ADELAIDE	8111 5555
ELIZABETH	Windsor Building Elizabeth City, ELIZABETH	8111 5400
NOARLUNGA	Noarlunga House, Colonnades Shopping Centre	8111 5340
PORT ADELAIDE	306 St Vincent Street, PORT ADELAIDE	8111 5460
PORT AUGUSTA	13 Flinders Terrace, PORT AUGUSTA	8686 2200
WHYALLA	7/169 Nicolson Avenue, WHYALLA NORRIE	8620 8500

2. You can get a private lawyer to give you legal advice or act for you in Court, by:

- Choosing a lawyer already known to you.
- Calling the Law Society of South Australia on 8229 0200. General information about the LSSA is available on their website at www.lawsociety.sa.asn.au. [The LSSA can](http://www.lawsociety.sa.asn.au) give you names of suitable lawyers.
- Look in the phonebook (Yellow Pages, e.g. under 'Lawyers' or 'Solicitors').

If you qualify for legal aid, the Legal Services Commission may meet the cost of your private lawyer.

If you do not qualify, you must pay for the lawyer's services.

3. If you are an Aboriginal youth, you can contact the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (or visit the ALRM website at www.alrm.org.au)

ADELAIDE	321-325 King William Street, ADELAIDE	8113 3777 Free call: 1800 643 222
CEDUNA	Corner of East Terrace & Merghiny Drive, CEDUNA	8113 3799
PORT AUGUSTA	12 Church Street, PORT AUGUSTA	8113 3788
PORT LINCOLN	12 Lewis Street, PORT LINCOLN 5606	Business hours: 0427 456 954

Service

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