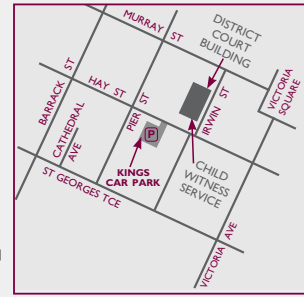




Where you can find the Child Witness Service

PERTH

Victim Support and Child Witness Service
Level 2, District Court Building
500 Hay Street
PERTH WA 6000
Phone 9425 2850
Fax 9425 2167
Free call 1800 818 988
Email mbxcws@justice.wa.gov.au



Albany

Albany Courthouse
184 Stirling Terrace
ALBANY WA 6330
Phone 9845 5222

Broome

Kimberley Regional Offices
2 Weld Street
BROOME WA 6276
Phone 9191 2400

Bunbury

Ground Floor, Bunbury Courthouse
65 Wittenoom Street
BUNBURY WA 6230
Phone 9781 4212
Fax 9781 4233

Carnarvon

Carnarvon Courthouse
Cnr Robinson Street and
Babbage Island Road
CARNARVON WA 6701
Phone 9941 5566

Derby

Derby Courthouse
Loch Street
DERBY WA 6728
Phone 9191 2274

Esperance

Esperance Courthouse
100 Dempster Street
ESPERANCE WA 6450
Phone 9071 6318

Geraldton

Geraldton Courthouse
Marine Terrace
GERALDTON WA 6530
Phone 9921 3722
Fax 9921 4358

Victims of Crime

Website www.victimsofcrime.wa.gov.au

Department of the Attorney General

Phone 13 67 57 Website www.dotag.wa.gov.au

Kalgoorlie

Kalgoorlie Courthouse
208 Hannan Street
KALGOORLIE WA 6430
Phone 9093 5335

Karratha

Karratha Courthouse
Balmoral Road
KARRATHA WA 6714
Phone 9143 1877

Kununurra

Kununurra Courthouse
94 Coolibah Drive
KUNUNURRA WA 6743
Phone 9166 7130

Mandurah

Mandurah Courthouse
333 Pinjarra Road
MANDURAH WA 62010
Phone 9583 1120

Northam

Northam Courthouse
118 Wellington Street
NORTHAM WA 6401
Phone 9622 7017

Port Hedland

South Hedland Justice Complex
Hawke Place
SOUTH HEDLAND WA 6722
Phone 9172 9313

Rockingham

Rockingham Justice Complex
15-17 Whitfield Street
ROCKINGHAM WA 6168
Phone 9527 7699

Child Witness Service

How to make a referral

Referrals can be made directly to CWS, by either the child or young person's parent, or by an agency.

Contact the CWS coordinator on 9425 2850.

What will happen once a referral is made?

Once a child or young person is referred to the CWS, their caregiver will be contacted to arrange an appointment. The first appointment allows the caregiver/s and child or young person to visit the CWS office and meet the CWS worker.

Ongoing support and assistance will be provided until the matters before the court have been finalised.



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Understanding the Child Witness Service



What is the Child Witness Service?

The Child Witness Service (CWS) assists children and young people who may need to give evidence in court. It is a free service provided by the Department of the Attorney General.

Children and young people may be required to give evidence before one of the following courts:

- Magistrates Court
- District Court
- Supreme Court
- Children's Court.

The CWS provides practical information and helps children and young people emotionally prepare for court. We support children and young people on an individual basis. Evidence is never discussed.

The CWS does not provide counselling. However we can make referrals to appropriate agencies when additional support is required.

The Child Witness Service provides support and help from when charges are laid until the matter before the court has been finalised.

CWS offices are located in Perth, Bunbury and Geraldton. Services are also provided in other regional areas.

The CWS can assist children and young people to prepare a victim impact statement to provide to the court.

Who can be referred to the service?

Any child or young person under 18 years of age who is a victim or a witness in a criminal matter.

When should a child or young person be referred?

It is important that a child or young person is referred to CWS as soon as possible after charges have been laid against an alleged offender.

It does not matter whether a decision has been made about the child or young person needing to give evidence.

What information should be provided at the time of the referral?

Where possible, the following details need to be provided at the time of referral:

- Child or young person's name, date of birth, current address and ethnicity.
- Charges against the alleged offender (if known).
- Details of the child or young person's current caregivers.
- Other services being provided to the child or young person and their family by another agency (if known).