

Detention & Training Order

The right way forward

What are my rights?

You can:

- Expect to be treated fairly by all Youth Offending Service Staff
- Have all aspects of your DTO explained properly to you

What happens if I break the rules?

You can be returned to court and may be sent back to custody for up to three months.

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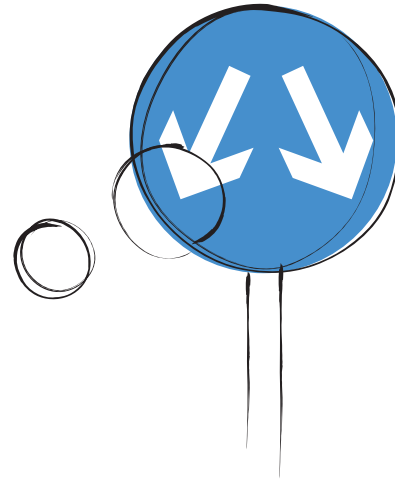
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What is a Detention and Training Order?

It's custody (prison) for young people. It's a punishment for serious or very frequent offences. It has three main aims:

- To protect the public from your behaviour
- Punish you for what you have done
- Help you sort out the problems that led to you offending

How does it work?

The sentence could be for between four months and two years. You will spend up to half your sentence locked up, this may be a locked children's home if you are young. If you're older you will usually go to a Young Offenders Institution (a young person's prison.)

The other half of your sentence will be under supervision back home.

You can earn 'time back' and get out one or two months early on the longer sentences. If this happens you have to be tagged and have a curfew for the first part of your release.

What do I have to do in custody?

You have to agree to do work on the following:

- Attend education or work training
- Agree to do courses that are right for you (these are usually to do with your offences and education or training)

What do I have to do when I'm out again?

You'll have to see someone from the Youth Offending Service twice a week at first, including on the day you are released. You'll have to do certain things:

- Meet an education worker for advice and help on training and jobs
- If you have been using drink or drugs we'll arrange for you to see someone to talk about how you can get help to control any problems
- Think about how you got into trouble and how you can avoid any more arrests!

All these things will be written into your 'licence', which is part of your sentence. This is like a contract you have to keep to.

What else must I do?

You need to keep out of trouble and do what your supervisor tells you to, which includes;

- Keeping to all of the conditions of your DTO licence
- Being at home at set times if you are on a curfew
- Turning up on time to all your appointments
- Be at home for visits when these are arranged
- Live at an address approved by your supervisor