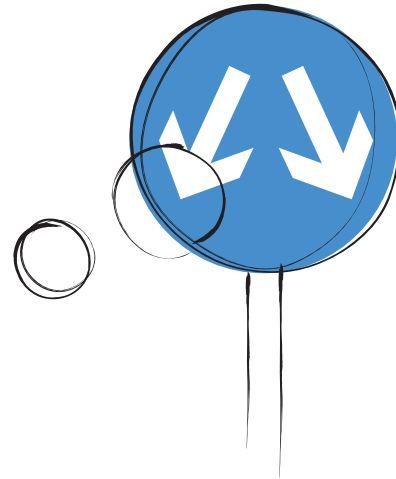


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The right way forward



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What is a Final Warning?

A decision made by the police to give you a formal warning rather than send you to court.

How long does it last?

A record of the warning will be kept by the police for five years or until you are 18, whichever is longer.

How will I know when I have to see someone?

The police will give you a date ('bail you') to go back to the police station to be given the warning. The Youth Offending Service receive your details from the police and carry out an assessment and identify support you might need to keep you out of trouble.

What will I have to do?

You will be seen by staff from the Youth Offending Service to look at any help you may need to stay out of trouble.

You will also be expected to do something on behalf of your victim. This is known as reparation.

What is in it for me?

If you co-operate with your Final Warning you will be kept out of court. A Final Warning is not a conviction. If you go for a job or insurance you can say you do not have a criminal conviction, unless they ask specially about reprimands or Final Warnings.