



Police response to a crime

Police will come to a **crime**. Crime means a person broke the law.

Police

- will make sure everyone is safe
- may call an ambulance.



Police will speak to the **victim**.

A victim

- was hurt by another person
- had something stolen or damaged
- had a family member who was killed.



Police will ask the victim

- their name
- their address
- what happened
- what the person who hurt them looked like
- other information to help find the person who hurt them.



Police will also talk to people who saw the crime.

After you report the crime face to face with police

You will get a Victims Card.

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Time & Date of rep	ort Event N	umber
Police Officer in cha	arge of your matter	
Message/Details		

The **front** of the Victims Card has contact details for the police officer in charge. For example, name, email address, police station and phone number.



The **back** of the Victims Card has contact details for the Victims Access Line. The Victims Access Line can help you with more information about support services for victims.



COPS event number

You will get a number called a COPS event number. The COPS event number proves that you reported the crime to police.

You **must** keep your COPS event number.

You might need to give your COPS event number to your insurance company.

Your COPS event number is **not** a phone number.



Police will contact you

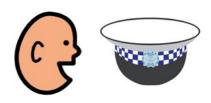
Police will contact you in 1 - 7 days. This will be by phone, text message or email.

Police will

- tell you what police will do
- tell you what might happen next
- give you a COPS event number
- ask you to call the police officer in charge if
 - your contact details change

or

you remember more about when you were hurt.



The police will contact you **every** 28 days until the case is closed. Police will tell you what happens at the end of the **investigation**.



Investigation is working out what happened. The police will collect evidence. Evidence can help work out what happened.

Contact Police





Contact police to

- change your details or
- give more information about the crime.



Victims Access Line

For information about this service read the factsheet **Victims Support**.

Go to www.police.nsw.gov.au

Phone 1800 633 063

The Easy English is from information in **Initial Police Response**.

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