



## Witness Assistance Service



The Witness Assistance Service is for cases in the

- District Court

or

- Supreme Court.

The **Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions** is in charge of the cases.



The Witness Assistance Service helps people who are a

- **witness** of a crime

or

- **victim** of a crime.



A witness is someone who saw a crime.

The witness gives information to the court about what they saw.



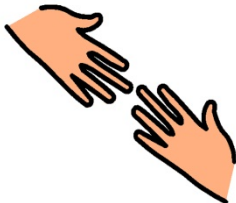
A victim is someone who

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



The Witness Assistance Service helps

- people with a disability
- children under 18 years old
- Aboriginals or Torres Strait Islanders
- people who do **not** speak English
- people who have difficulty getting to court.



You can get help from the Witness Assistance Service when

- police finish the investigation
- and**
- someone has been charged.

For example, the accused has been charged with doing the murder.

The Witness Assistance Service helps you



- get information about the court and what happens

- find other services



- find out about your rights

- find out what is happening with your court case

- get ready for the court case



- get support in court

- get support in meetings with lawyers

- write a Victim Impact Statement.



## **Call the Witness Assistance Service**

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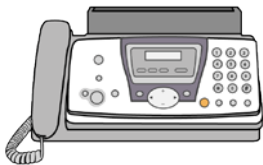
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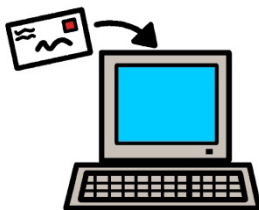
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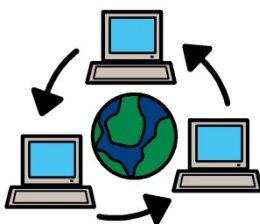
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