



# 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.

COVERNMENT NUM Pales force N	SW POLICE FORCE
Command/Police Station & Address	
Phone TTY 02 9211 3776 (hearing/speech impaired only)	
Phone	Fax
Time & Date of report	Event Number
Police Officer in charge of your matter	
Message/Details	
Message/ Details	
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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**.

Scope's Communication Resource Centre wrote the Easy English.

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