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# **EXTRAJUDICIAL MEASURES (EJM)**



## **What is the Extrajudicial Measures program?**

This program is intended to divert youth aged 12-17 years away from formal criminal proceedings and into a program that holds them accountable for their offending behaviour. It is designed for youth who have been involved in class one offences for the first time (typically non-violent).

It gives youth in conflict with the law an opportunity to repair any harm that has occurred as a result of their behaviour, and avoid the charge(s) being formally laid and experiencing the traditional court process.

## **Goals of the Program**

To encourage the youth to acknowledge and repair harm caused to the victim(s) and the community.

To assist the youth in learning from situation in an effort to prevent future conflict with the law.

To respect the rights of the youth and respond in a way that is proportionate to the seriousness of the offence.

## **The Referral and Intake Process**

The police will determine if the youth is appropriate for the program. If so, the Investigating Officer will send a completed referral form and occurrence report to Community Options for Justice.

The youth and parent/guardian meet with a representative from Community Options for Justice. Together, a suitable agreement is developed as to how the youth will take responsibility for their actions. The youth has six (6) months from the date of referral to complete the program.

## What Does an Agreement Involve?

- 1 An apology to the victim(s)
- 2 Repairing the harm done to the victim(s) and the community.
- 3 Helping the youth better understand their problematic behaviour

## Things That Could be Included in an Agreement

- An apology to the victim(s)
- Volunteer work in the community
- Monetary restitution for any damages
- Attend educational groups at Community Options for Justice
- Justice Circle/Conference
- Involvement in a crime prevention project
- Writing an essay, creating a poster
- Referral to another community agency

## The Final Step

After the agreement has been completed, the Community Justice Worker sends a letter to police discharging the youth from the program.

If the youth does not complete the agreement, the file will be referred back to the police, who have the option to proceed with the charge(s).

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