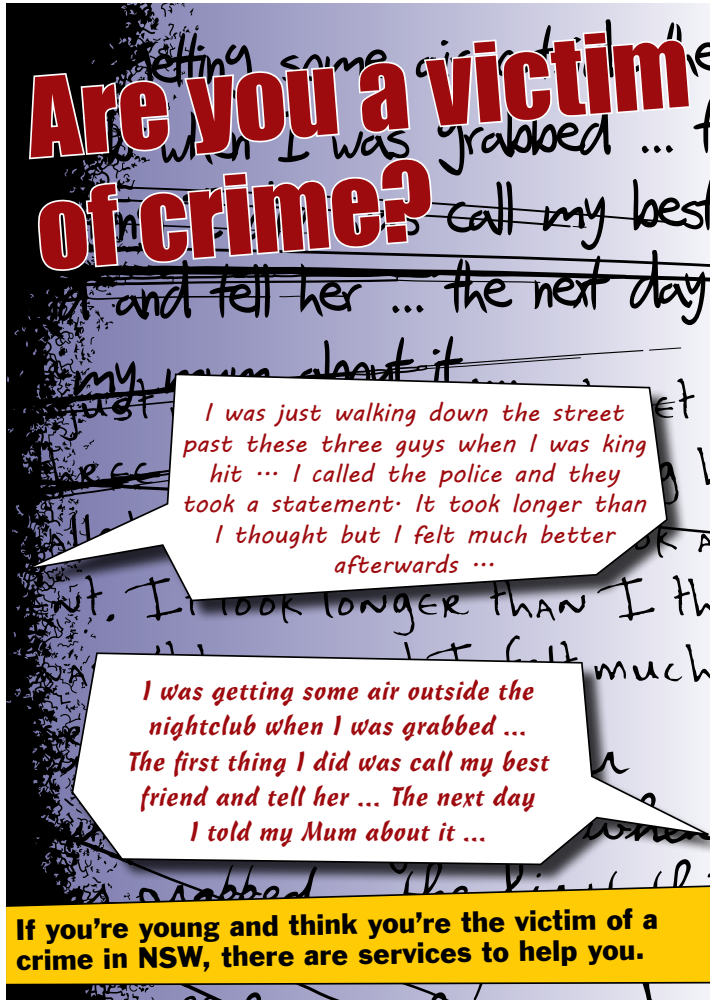


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There are many types of crime. For example:

- someone steals your mobile phone, wallet or other personal belongings
- someone attacks or hurts you
- someone sexually assaults you.

An offender can be a person you know or a person you don't know, or it may even be a group of people.

So, how might it make you feel?

If you're a victim of crime, you may find you:

- can't sleep
- can't eat
- have nightmares
- blame yourself
- can't think straight
- can't be alone
- can't talk about it or can't stop talking about it
- feel no one understands
- think people don't believe you.

Everyone who is a victim of crime feels differently. The important thing is you can get help when you need it.

What can I do?

Talk to someone. Talking to someone you trust may help you deal with what happened. You could talk to:

- a parent or family member
- a friend
- a teacher
- a school counsellor
- a youth worker
- call the Victims Access Line on 1800 633 063.

There are also places that can help you which are listed on the back of this brochure.

If you're a victim of crime you have rights!

How do I report a crime?

Contact your local police station. The police will probably take a statement from you and tell you what happens next. A Police Youth Liaison Officer can also help you.

If it's a non-violent crime such as theft, call the Police Assistance Line on **131 444**.

This line is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and you can call from anywhere in NSW for the cost of a local call.

If it is an emergency, call **Triple Zero (000)**.

What happens next?

The first thing the police will do is try to find the person (or people) who did it.

What happens next depends on the type of crime and how serious it is.

If it was a violent crime you may be able to apply for counselling and/or financial assistance through the Victims Access Line on **1800 633 063**.

You may be asked to come to court as a witness.

You can contact the police officer in charge of the investigation for more information.

Not happy?

If you're a victim of crime and you're not happy with how you've been treated by a government department, remember you have rights under the Charter of Victims Rights. You can contact the Victims Access Line on **1800 633 063** between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. They will tell you your rights and help you sort it out.

Find out your rights by contacting the Victims Access Line or download a copy of the Charter of Victims Rights at:
www.victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au

Getting help

Victims Services Aboriginal Contact Line

1800 019 123 • Translating Interpreting Service on **13 14 50**

If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment contact us through the National Relay Service on:

1800 555 677 and ask for **1800 633 063**.

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) Witness Assistance Service

Provides information, referrals and support if you're required to give evidence in matters prosecuted by the ODPP.

1800 814 534 (Freecall) • **www.odpp.nsw.gov.au**

Youth Justice Conferencing, Juvenile Justice

An alternative to formal court processes for certain offences committed by young offenders, (9am to 5pm, Mon to Fri),

02 9219 9521 • **www.juvenile.justice.nsw.gov.au**

LawAccess NSW

A free government telephone service providing legal information, referrals and in some cases, advice, (9am to 5pm, Mon to Fri).

1300 888 529 (cost of a local call) • **www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au**

Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre

Legal representation and advice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, children and young people who are victims of violence.

1800 686 587 (NSW only) • **www.wirringabaiya.org.au**

Reach Out

An online youth mental health service, where you can get the help you need, when you need it.

www.reachout.com

Kids Helpline

Free and confidential telephone and online counselling and support service for young people aged 5 to 25 years, (24 hours / 7 days).

1800 55 1800 • **www.kidshelpline.com.au**

Lifeline

Provides access to 24 hour crisis support and suicide prevention services, (24 hours / 7 days).

13 11 14 • **www.lifeline.org.au**

NSW Rape Crisis Centre

Crisis, support and referral service for victims of sexual violence, (24 hours / 7 days).

1800 424 017 • **www.nswrapecrisis.com.au**

The Shopfront Youth Legal Centre

Free legal service for homeless and disadvantaged young people aged 25 and under.

(02) 9322 4808 • **www.theshopfront.org**

Headspace

Mental health and wellbeing, support, information and services for young people and their families.

1800 650 890 • **www.headspace.org.au**