



Protective conditions

Information for offenders

VICTIM-OFFENDER MEDIATION UNIT

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All offenders currently serving any order for an offence against a victim are referred to the Victim-offender Mediation Unit (VMU). The VMU is part of the Department of Corrective Services. It investigates victim's issues in each case so that it can recommend contact 'conditions' between you and the victim.

As part of this process, you do **not** need to meet or come face-to face with the victim.

Usually, after investigating these issues, the VMU recommends a standard **'no contact condition'** with the victim.

What is a standard 'no contact condition'?

Under the 'no contact condition', the offender is not allowed any direct or indirect contact with the victim of the offence.

This includes contact via:

- phone
- mail/ post
- email or internet
- fax
- SMS
- face-to-face
- a third party

Are other options available?

The VMU can help you and the victim establish an alternative 'agreement', which includes different conditions to the 'no contact condition'. The agreement takes the place of the 'no contact condition' and is made part of your order.

The standard 'no contact condition' can be changed into an agreement as follows:

1) Extending the 'no contact condition'

Alternative conditions for an agreement might extend to include no contact with or at:

- business premises
- employees
- family members
- mutual friends
- areas frequently visited such as work or school premises

2) Limiting the 'no contact condition'

Alternative conditions for an agreement might allow conditional contact under specific circumstances, such as:

- restricted contact – eg telephone only
- supervised contact – through a neutral person
- contact initiated by one party only
- unrestricted contact


'Agreements' are voluntary and must be agreed to by both you and the victim. If you both cannot reach an agreement then the standard 'no contact condition' will apply.

When are the conditions in place?

If you are currently in custody, the 'no contact condition' or agreement will be in place when you are released from custody on an order.

If you are subject to a community order, the 'no contact condition' or agreement will be in place when you are issued either a:

- 'lawful instruction' by your community corrections officer;
or
- 'reasonable direction' from your juvenile justice officer.



How will the 'no contact condition' or 'agreement' impact on my order?

The 'no contact condition' or agreement is an important part of your order and no different from any other requirement. It is up to you to ensure you abide by either the 'no contact condition' or adhere to the conditions under the agreement.

If you make contact with the victim, and breach the 'no contact condition', or, if you have contact with the victim when not allowed in your agreement, the relevant releasing or supervisory authority will be informed and you may be required to return to court, prison or detention.

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More information

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