



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Corrective Services**

Fact Sheet

Supervised Bail

What is bail?

Bail is a written promise a person makes to go to court on a certain day and at a particular time. When signed, it's called a bail undertaking. If a person breaks that promise, the court can order they be arrested by the police.

For a young person aged 10-17 years to get bail, a responsible adult must sign that bail undertaking to make sure the promise is kept.

Supervised Bail Program

The Supervised Bail Program is available to young people when a responsible adult can't be found to sign the bail undertaking.

A responsible adult can be dad or mum, a relative, boss or anyone the police or magistrate thinks can help look after and supervise the young person – encouraging them not to commit further crime while waiting for their court date.

The Regional Supervised Bail Program is driven by the geographical and cultural demands of the State and offers a practical alternative to incarceration. The program reduces unnecessary travel, family dislocation and increases support for juveniles, so they are given every opportunity to successfully complete their bail in familiar surroundings.

How it works

In Perth

Special staff, called bail coordinators or liaison officers (meaning people who act as go-betweens) at the Children's Court and Rangeview Remand Centre, can help find a responsible adult to sign the bail undertaking.

The bail coordinator can sometimes act as the responsible adult, though only when no-one else can be found.

Country areas

There's a similar service in country towns run by local juvenile justice officers and people contracted to the Department of Corrective Services. Local court officials will tell you who to see.



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The young person cannot be released on bail if:

- there's nowhere for the young person to stay
- he or she is considered a risk to other people or themselves, or
- he or she has committed a serious offence while on bail.

Once given bail, the young person will be helped by a bail coordinator to make sure they follow the conditions.

If they don't, bail is cancelled and the young person is returned to custody.

Rights and responsibilities of parents

The Department of Corrective Services believes that responsible citizenship (the way a young person behaves with others and stays away from trouble) starts and grows in the family.

Even though a young person has come into contact with the justice system, parents still have first responsibility for the way their child grows up.

The Department has two jobs: it assists parents to encourage their child in law abiding lifestyles and ensures that any court orders are carried out.

Our staff want to help parents with their children's development and will seek parents' advice where possible.

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