

Victims' Code of Practice

Restorative justice

- ◆ Restorative justice (RJ) is a **voluntary** process.
- ◆ It's led by trained facilitators.
- ◆ RJ allows victims of crime and those responsible for harm to communicate.
- ◆ It gives a victim an opportunity to ask questions and to understand what has happened and why.
- ◆ Its aim is to achieve a positive outcome for all parties.
- ◆ RJ has the potential to reduce reoffending.
- ◆ All parties must agree to the process for it to take place.
- ◆ Communication can take many forms - letter, recorded interview, face to face.
- ◆ RJ can happen at any time.



Remember:

- ◆ It must be safe and appropriate to proceed with RJ.
- ◆ It will only happen if those involved have acknowledged the basic facts of the case and want to take part.

Right 3

Right 3 gives a victim the right to be provided with information when reporting a crime. This includes providing information about RJ within five days of the report and one day for victims eligible for enhanced rights.