

One Minute Guides - Youth Court

What is a Youth Court?

Youth Courts are a type of magistrate's court, but specialise in cases that have been committed by young people. Youth Courts deal with nearly all cases where young people between the ages of 10 and 17 inclusive are said to have broken the law.

Who will be there during the case?

In court there will be Magistrates, a Legal Advisor who helps the magistrates, your solicitor and a prosecutor solicitor who will tell both sides of the story. A YJS court officer who is there to help and advise you will also be there. The Press could be there but they will not be allowed to identify young people.

Advice for court

DO – Dress smartly. Think about what you're going to say and be polite. Get there on time.

DON'T – Act as if you don't care. Get angry or upset. Interrupt or argue with anyone in court. Come to court without an adult, parent or carer.

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