

Alternative measures

RCMP and the Crown are expected to seek all necessary alternatives to the court process.

Alternative Measures Program (AMP) is when the RCMP can refer to a Restorative Justice program pre-charge as a deterrence from the Criminal Justice System.

Extra-judicial Sanctions (EJS) is for youth /adults with first time mild offense. *Please ask about this with your representation (legal aide, duty counsel, NCSA, court advocate)*

If a referral from the courts to do this EJS, the referral will be made to our program here in Maskwacis. IF the RCMP do not practice the Alternative Measures, speak to the Crown to see if your file qualifies!! Speak to your representation to make the referral to our office.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD YOU KNOW?

If you are confused about anything involving the court process, PLEASE ask someone for help. Resource people are listed on this brochure, you can also ask for assistance at the court house. Know that you have rights, you also have responsibilities, and you can get the help you need to navigate through the court system.

Please share this brochure with your friends and family. Working together we can keep one another aware, prevent offenses, prevent breaching of conditions, and work towards reducing our community members being represented at the court house.

COURT PROCESS

Becoming aware can make the greatest difference



Working towards a safer and healthier community.

CONTACT US AT:

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE 2nd
floor SCN blg. P.O Box 159
P. (780)-585-3796 ext 177
F. (780)-585-2150

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
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P. O box 219 Maskwacis, AB
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P (780) 585-3941 ext 308
F (780) 585-2550

What you need to know

(There is a lot of information in this resource, so please take your time to go through the material)

OKAY, YOU ARE BEING CHARGED, WHAT NEXT?

After you have been personally served by the RCMP for the offence that occurred:

-At your 1st court appearance, the Crown will provide you with your copy of the Disclosure Package.

This disclosure package will consist of:
Charge against you
Next court date
RCMP Report

It is your responsibility to contact one or two of the following:



Legal Aide

You have to apply for Legal Aide and one month before your court date.

1-866-845-3425

(If you are denied Legal Aide, you need to apply for a Robowthan Application, ask for help or go on Legal Aide website)

(Duty Counsel for youth)

Phone: (780) 352-3845 Fax: (780) 352-4700

Provincial Building (main floor)

5201 50 Avenue Wetaskiwin T9A 0S7

Case Management Officer:

Phone: (780)361-1204 Fax: (780) 361-1338

Wetaskiwin Court House -Law Courts,

4605 51 St. Wetaskiwin, AB T9A 1K7

Four Nations Court Advocate:

Phone: (780)585-3793 Fax: (780)585-2104

2nd Floor Samson Cree Nation bldg.

Maskwacis Victim Services:

RCMP station Maskwacis, AB P. O Box 2410 T0C-1N0

Phone: (780)585-4640 Fax: (780) 585-4611

Maskwacis RCMP detachment, Maskwacis, AB

Native Counseling Services of Alberta

#108, 5201-50 Avenue Wetaskiwin, AB

Phone: (780)352-2461 Fax: (780)352-2466

wetaskiwin@ncsa.ca

Elizabeth Fry Society

10523-100Ave Edmonton, AT T5J-0A8

Phone: 780-425-8989

Toll Free 1-866-421-1175

COURT DATES TO KNOW

First appearance is MANDATORY; the first time you appear in front of a judge. Youth (12-17 yrs) **MUST** come with a guardian

Plea hearing; when you give a guilty or not guilty plea in front of the Judge

Trial hearing; this is when the judge makes sure all of the evidence is available and then schedules a sentencing date

Sentencing; this is when the judge determines a guilty or not guilty, if guilty, a sentence is given.

COURTROOM COURTESY



It is important to be aware of how you present yourself through dress and speech when in the courtroom.

~Take off your hat in the courtroom

~Sit up straight

~Dress appropriately (dress as professional as possible, avoid wearing jeans, and if all you have is jeans, wear a nice shirt or dress jacket)

~When speaking to the judge you say, "Your Honor"

~Turn off your cellphone or put to silent

~ Do not chew gum in the court room

~ Keep personal conversations quiet or outside of the courtroom as a sign of respect

~ No food/drinks, no swearing, no fighting/arguing in the courtroom

RESPONSIBILITY AFTER COURT

If you are sentenced, you can contact the Probation Office at the Probation Office in the Wetaskiwin Provincial Bldg. (780) 361-1201

Work with your probation office to get through the system

CONSEQUENCES

Having a criminal record may result in: **barriers to employment, not allowed to travel/leave Canada, not being able to drive, fine, community service,** etc.

If you do not contact the Probation Office after being sentenced or you Breach your conditions, the following may happen: **WARRANT, FINES, INCARCERATION (JAIL TIME), FURTHER CRIMINAL CHARGES, ETC.**