

# What happens after a criminal offence?

## What happens during criminal proceedings involving youths...

The police investigate. They want to find out what has happened and who has committed the crime.

If they learn about other criminal offences they have to investigate these too.

This is what is meant by the so-called principle of mandatory prosecution.

### Next police station

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Young people can try to make amends. The proceedings may then be closed.

Social workers of the so-called "Diversionsberatung" or of the "Jugendhilfe im Strafverfahren" explain what to do and help you in this process. They are bound by the confidentiality principle.

### Diversion office in the police headquarters

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The Public Prosecutor's Office decides on the charge which is debated about at juvenile court.

The Public Prosecutor's Office sometimes invites the young person to a conversation beforehand.

It is also bound by the principle of mandatory prosecution.

Parents, friends, a lawyer or social worker from the Youth Welfare Office can support the accused person.

### What is the criminal code?

<https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/>

The "Jugendhilfe im Strafverfahren" offices provide advice and support.

Their employees will also attend the trial. They will report on the circumstances and future prospects of the young person.

### Local "Jugendhilfe im Strafverfahren" office

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### Is a lawyer needed?

The court sometimes decides upon this question. The lawyers are bound by the confidentiality principle.

There is also the possibility of getting free legal advice.

### Next free legal advice

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A hearing is very important.

A lot of people may attend it.

The court reaches a decision, passes the sentence and explains it once again.

The results of the sentence must be fulfilled!

Otherwise sanctions may be enforced.

### Next court

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