

For Children and Teenagers

If you have experienced physical, psychological or sexual violence, you may want to report it to the police. Maybe someone else has decided that filing a report would be important in your case. Having to make a statement to the police or testify in court may be upsetting and confusing. You may have many questions. You have the right to Court Assistance.

Your Court Assistant will explain to you how everything works in a criminal proceeding. He or she is interested to hear what you expect from a police report or a court procedure.

Your Court Assistant will accompany you to the appointments with the police and the criminal court. Together with an advocate your Court Assistant will make sure that your requests and concerns are heard and that your rights are protected in the proceedings.

Visit www.pb-fachstelle.at for more detailed information on Court Assistance and to find organisations near you that provide Court Assistance especially for young people.

Use your right to Court Assistance!

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Psycho-social and legal Court Assistance for Children and Teenagers



For parents and caregivers

When your child has been a victim of violence, you as a caregiver may have a difficult time as well. It is not easy to give a child all the support she or he needs when you are dealing with your own questions, concerns and intense feelings at the same time. We are there to help you support your child in the best way possible and to help you make good decisions for your child.

Before making a police report or going to court, parents and children usually have different questions and needs. This is why we not only make sure that your child has professional support but also that you as the parent or caregiver can discuss all your questions and concerns with a Court Assistant as well.

Information in other languages and a list of organisations offering free Court Assistance for adult victims of crime are available at:

www.justiz.gv.at/internet/prozessbegleitung

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What is Court Assistance?

Court Assistance (“Prozessbegleitung”) is a service for young crime victims and their families to reduce the stress of participating in a criminal proceeding. It includes

- information and counselling on all aspects of the legal process, from going to the police to testifying in court,
- having someone accompany you to police and court interviews and related appointments,
- support and empowerment throughout the trial,
- legal representation of the victim in the trial and legal counselling by an attorney and
- organisation of further assistance.
- Court Assistance can be started even before a police report is made in order to handle the police report in the best interest of the child. However, it also is possible to start later, after legal proceedings have already begun.

Who is entitled to get Court Assistance?

- persons who are victims of a crime involving physical, psychological or sexual violence
- persons who are victims of crime being exposed to serious threats
- persons who have lost a family member through an act of crime

