

Parents are not usually accused of their child's crime.

Parents don't face criminal charges when their child commits a crime, except in some rare situations.



But you might have to pay for the damage your child caused.



Support your child throughout the process.

- Ask questions
- Keep track of your child's case
- Help your child obey any orders



Possible Outcomes

The *Youth Criminal Justice Act* says that young people must answer for their crimes, but it also encourages their rehabilitation. Several outcomes are possible, depending on the situation.

Possibility 1 Extrajudicial Measure

No court process



Possible measures:



None



A warning



Sent to an OJA (alternative justice organization) for an information session

Possibility 2 Extrajudicial Sanction

No court process if your child obeys the sanction



Possible sanctions:



Mediation with the victim



Community work



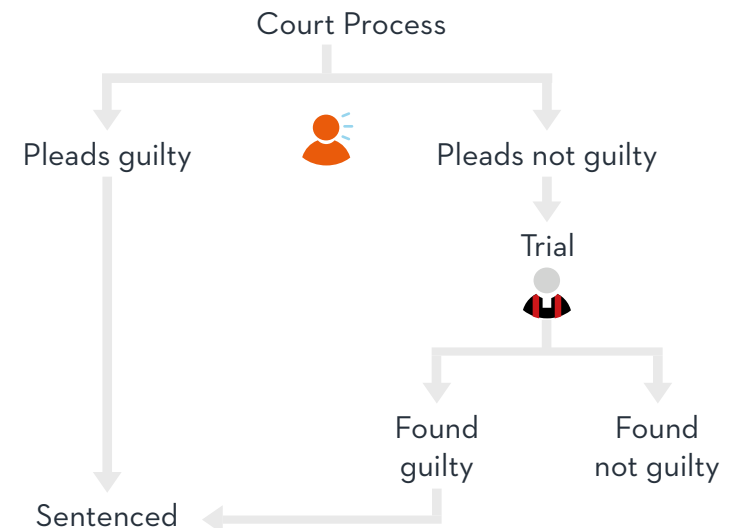
Complete a specialized program

Possibility 3 Court

Your child must go to court.



You are usually told the date your child must be in court.



There will be consequences, but your child will not be treated as an adult.

In most cases, your child won't go to court.



Teens don't go to adult prisons.



Teens might end up with a record, but it's not the same as an adult's criminal record.



Your child has the right to a lawyer.

The lawyer represents your child throughout the process.



Your child is usually eligible for legal aid.



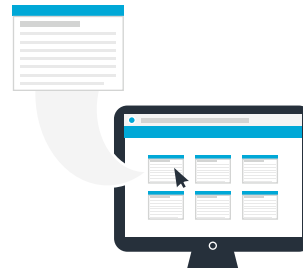
Éducaloi can help you understand what is happening in your child's case.

We have legal information on these topics:

- Steps in youth criminal cases
- Workers in the youth criminal system
- Role and responsibilities of parents
- The impact of having a youth record



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