

Dealing with the Police



What can the Police do?



- Give you a fine
- Tell you to leave or move from an area
- Search you
If they reasonably suspect you have:
 - drugs
 - explosives
 - weapons
 - graffiti tools
- Tell you to keep the noise down
- Take your phone
Your phone may have evidence on it that the Police need. They will return it when they've finished (but this will be at least a few weeks' time)
- Ask questions.

If the Police ask you questions...



- Be polite
- Give your name
Sometimes you need to give more information:
 - your address (if driving a car or on public transport)
 - your age (if a pub or club)
 - if you have illegal drugs on you, you will need to tell the Police who the person was who gave them to you.

If the Police arrest you...



- Stay calm and polite
- You must give your name and address
If you are not sure if you are under arrest, just ask
- Speak to a lawyer before saying anything else or giving a video interview
You have up to 6 months to make a formal complaint against the Police.

Remember...



- If you are under 17 years:
Police must arrange for you to have an adult present when they ask you questions
- If you are under 18 years:
And you admit to doing something wrong, the Police can give you a caution or Community Conference
- You have the right to silence
This means saying nothing more than your name, age and address.

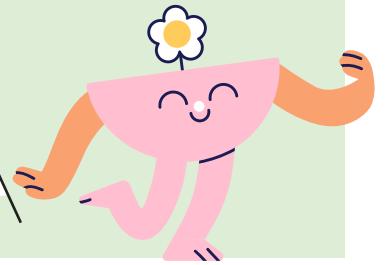
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Sex & consent



What does 'having sex' include?

- Kissing
- Intimate touch
- Oral sex
- Penetration (with anything)

Consent is agreement **YES!**

- Consent must be given freely
- Consent can be withdrawn at any time
- If they change their mind you must stop

When there is no consent...

- Forced, fearful or threatened
- Overpowered
- Drunk or drug affected
- Asleep or unconscious
- Does not say or communicate
- Does not understand

Remember...

- Not sure if they consent? Just ask
- Always ask and keep checking in.
- The age of consent is different in different places.

In Tasmania someone cannot consent to sex until they are 17 years old.

Consequences...

- Sex without consent is rape
- You can get a criminal record
- You can end up on the Sex Offenders Registry
- You can go to jail

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Alcohol & other drugs



What is illegal?

• Party drugs

Including:

- MDMA
- cocaine
- ketamine
- methamphetamine, ICE, LSD (acid)
- heroin
- cannabis, magic mushrooms & other hallucinogens

• Prescription medications

(or behind-the-counter drugs) are only for the person listed on the prescription

• Alcohol

Alcohol is only legal in certain circumstances, including:

- your age
- quantity
- venue
- time of day

• Cigarettes (nicotine) & vapes

- cannot be bought by anyone under 18
- disposable vapes are illegal
- other vapes only legal under a doctor's prescription

Consequences...

• Illegal drugs often contain additives which do harm and can kill you

These include:

- battery acid
- drain cleaner
- Panadol (too much of this over-the-counter drug can kill you)

• The law aims to keep you safe from:

- overdose
- addiction
- damaged mental health

What does the law allow? **18** years old

• You can buy alcohol for yourself or another person who is also at least 18 years old

• Enter a licensed venue (pub, club etc)

But if asked to leave, it's illegal to stay

• Driving

Any alcohol affects your ability to drive AND if you are on your L or P plates you must have 0.0% blood alcohol content (BAC).

Remember...

• Party safe

You can drink at a private party at someone's house if:

- permission from parent/guardian
- responsible adults supervising the party
- amount of alcohol is reasonable
- food and non-alcoholic drinks are available

• More information is available:

www.police.tas.gov.au/services-online/party-safe/

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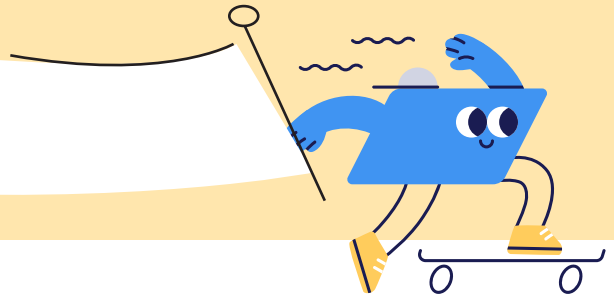
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Cyber bullying



What is cyber bullying?



- **Being nasty online**
- **Harassing or threatening someone online**

These include:

- on social media and apps
- through text messages and emails
- while gaming
- being mean so that someone feels bad or upset.

Examples...

- Taking a photo of someone and posting it online to embarrass them
- Trolling people
- Fake social media accounts
- Hacking accounts
- Encouraging someone to hurt themselves
- Tagging someone in a rude or embarrassing photo or post
- Editing nasty images
- Sending lots of unwanted texts
- Writing comments about someone that you wouldn't say to their face
- Posting someone onto a 'hot' or 'not' list without their permission
- Ganging up on someone online
- It can be someone you know or a stranger

Consequences...



- **Charged by Police**
- **Criminal record**
- **Go to jail**

These are legal consequences, but there are other consequences that are serious too, including:

- being banned from using social media platforms if your profile is found to be nasty
- parents or school restricting your use of device
- loss of friendships
- bad reputation which can impact your future career.

Remember...



- **Report it**
 - the eSafety Commissioner is there to help people who are affected by online abuse
- **Talk to a trusted adult**
- **Get help to delete it**

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