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What your youth offences mean for your adult record.

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Youth Offences

Adult Criminal Check



If you have cautions and offences from when you were under 18, you may be wondering what will appear on your criminal record as an adult?

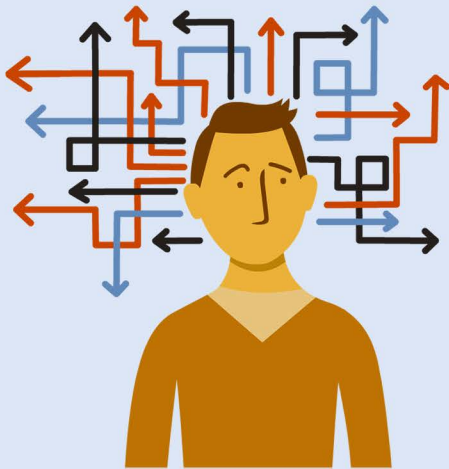
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A **caution or warning** is not the same as being convicted of an offence.

They will not appear on your adult record.

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Offences are more complicated - the seriousness of your offence and your age may impact on what appears on an adult record.

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A **serious crime** is “an act with the intention of harming another person or taking their property”

Regardless of your age, if you were found or pleaded guilty to a serious crime, then your offence will appear on your adult record.

Examples can include:

Murder



Assault



Carrying guns or weapons



Sexual assault



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If you were **under 16** and were found or pleaded guilty to a non-serious crime, then no offence will appear on your adult record.



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If you were **16 years or older** and were found or pleaded guilty to a non-serious crime, the Children's Court may decide **not to** record your offence – it will not appear on any record.



If the Court decides to record your offence, it can appear on your adult record.



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The **Spent Offences Scheme** in Victoria allows for some youth offences to be considered spent after a 5-year period. You do not have to inform anyone of your spent offences.



5 Years

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There are some youth-offences that never become spent;



Any offence for which you were imprisoned for more than 30 months whilst under 18



Sexual related offences for which you were imprisoned



Offences classified as "serious"

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If you are unsure what youth offences may appear on your adult record, you can pay to request a copy from your state police agency.

