

**the final
warning scheme
reprimands and warnings**

**Information for young people
and parents/guardians**

Warwickshire Youth Offending Team

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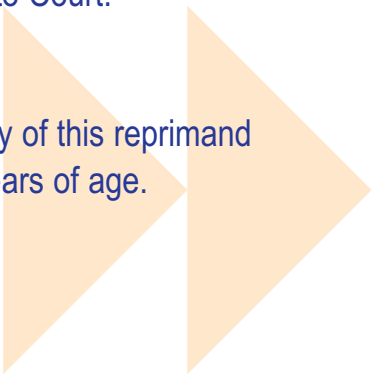
WHAT IS THE FINAL WARNING SCHEME?

- The Final Warning Scheme is for young people aged 10-17 years who have committed an offence.

There are two levels in this scheme, the Reprimand and the Warning.

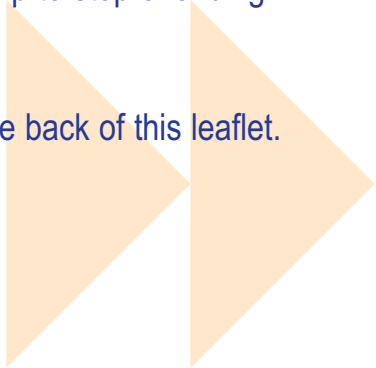
Both are serious matters.

WHAT IS A REPRIMAND?

- The offence you have committed is now formally recorded by the Police.
 - If you offend within two years you may receive a Warning or you may go to Court.
 - The Police will keep a copy of this reprimand until you are at least 18 years of age.
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- If you do re-offend and you go to Court, the Court will be told about this reprimand.
- The Youth Offending Team will not get involved unless you want further help to stop offending.

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WHAT IS A WARNING?

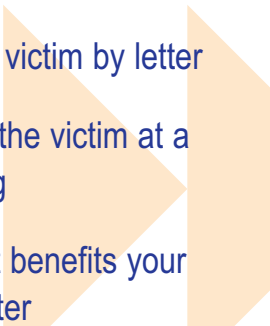
- The Warning is given by a Police Officer and a record of this will be kept by the Police.
- If you offend again within two years, you will go to Court.
- The Youth Offending Team will be informed about the Warning. They will become involved in order to try to stop you from getting into further trouble.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A WARNING?

- A worker from the Youth Offending Team will contact you within five working days.
- He/she will arrange to visit you and your parent(s)/guardian(s).
- During the visit they will talk to you about the warning and find out why you offended.
- A plan of support, activity and advice will be offered to help you stop offending in the future and to make up for some of the harm done.

WHAT WILL YOU HAVE TO DO IF YOU GET A WARNING?

The plan may last up to six hours and could involve any of the following activities:

- to spend time with the Youth Offending Team worker talking about the offence and what you will need to do to stop offending
 - to make an apology to the victim by letter
 - to apologise personally to the victim at a specially arranged meeting
 - to carry out an activity that benefits your community e.g. clearing litter
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WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU FAIL TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE WARNING?

- You will be expected to complete the assessment and any work programme that is set.
- If you fail to do this, a letter will be sent to the Police and to you and your parents/guardians.
- In the event of a further offence and court appearance, the court will be told of your failure to co-operate. The Court will take this fact into consideration when dealing with you.

WHAT DO PARENTS/GUARDIANS NEED TO DO?

- To take seriously their responsibilities and to prevent their child from committing further offences.
- To help their child through the Warning by making sure he/she attends as required.

CONTACTS

Warwickshire County Council
departments of Education and Social
Services, in partnership with
Warwickshire Health Authority,
Warwickshire Probation, Warwickshire
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provided by Barnardos.

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If this information is difficult to
understand, we can provide it in
another format for example in large
print, on audio tape, in another
language or through discussion.

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