



Children's Court of Western Australia

Practice Direction 9 of 2022

Access to Detention Facility at the Perth Children's Court

1. Application of Practice Direction

- 1.1. This Practice Direction applies to access to a child held in the detention facility at the Perth Children's Court.
- 1.2. Practice Direction 4 of 2015 is revoked on 31 December 2022.
- 1.3. This Practice Direction has effect from 1 January 2023.

2. Detention facility

- 2.1. The Perth Children's Court of Western Australia is located in the building at 160 Pier Street Perth (the Court building).
- 2.2. There is a detention facility in the Court building to hold and care for children who are remanded in custody, and also children who, immediately after their charge is dealt with, are required to be held in custody.

3. Child not to be interviewed by Police or Department of Corrective Services

The detention facility in the Court building is not to be used to interview or speak with a child by any officer of Police, investigative officer of Corrective Services, Department of Justice or any other person acting on the instructions of such an officer.

4. Access to child in detention facility at the Perth Children's Court

Only the following persons may access the detention facility in the Court building to interview or speak with a child in custody:

- (a) Department of Justice registry officers;
- (b) Youth Court Services, Department of Justice court officers and case workers;
- (c) Officers of the Metropolitan Youth Bail Service;
- (d) Department of Communities, child protection and family support officers, aboriginal liaison officers, disability justice officers and case workers; and
- (e) Persons attached to the LINKS program;
- (f) Department of Education, court liaison officers;
- (g) Aboriginal youth engagement diversion officers;
- (h) Legal advisers;
- (i) Employees of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for the purpose of speaking to State witnesses;
- (j) Any officer of the Child Witness Service or the Victim Support Service; and
- (k) Any person in the company of, or at the request of, any person described in any of paragraphs (a) to (h) inclusive for the purpose of the person speaking with a child about arrangements concerning the child's rehabilitation, care or support; and
- (l) Any person authorised by a judicial officer of the Court.



Judge Hylton Quail

President

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20 December 2022