

What if I don't complete the conditions?

A Conditional Caution is an agreement between you and the Police/CPS.

YOU agree to comply with the Condition(s) and the POLICE/CPS agree not to charge you.

If you do not fulfil your side of this agreement, then the Police/CPS may decide to prosecute you.

You should note that any admission made before a Conditional Caution is given could be used in the course of a prosecution should you fail to comply with the Conditions.

What if I have a problem completing the Conditions?

If you have a problem with any of the Conditions, you should immediately contact the person whose details are on the form.

If you have a good reason for not being able to complete the Condition(s), then it may be possible to re-assess your situation.

Please note that asking to change the Condition(s) is a serious matter and you should only do this as a last resort.

The Police/CPS will not vary the Condition(s) unless there is a reason that they consider acceptable. You should make every effort to complete the Condition(s) you agreed to.

What happens when I have completed the Conditional Caution?

If you successfully complete the Condition(s), that is an end to the matter. You will NOT be prosecuted for the offence.

Note: A Conditional Caution is NOT a criminal conviction, but the Conditional Caution will go on your Police National Computer record and will affect the way you are dealt with if you get into trouble again. A future employer may also ask if you have had a Conditional Caution.

If you would like further explanation of anything in this leaflet, please speak to the officer involved in the case or to your legal advisor or representative before you make any decisions.



the CONDITIONAL Caution

This leaflet explains what a Conditional Caution is and when it might be used

The fact that you have been given this leaflet does NOT mean that your case is necessarily suitable or that you will be given a Conditional Caution

Note: Anyone who has been arrested is entitled to free legal advice at the police station.



What is a

CONDITIONAL CAUTION?

A Conditional Caution is a new way of dealing with certain criminal offences.

The Police Officer dealing with your case can tell you the sort of offences covered by the scheme in your area.

A Conditional Caution is where an offender, on admitting the offence, accepts a caution with condition(s).

What sort of Conditions could I be offered?

There are two sorts of Conditions.

A **REHABILITATIVE CONDITION** aims to help you change your behaviour so that you do not commit further offences. For example, attending information awareness sessions about the effects of using drugs.

A **REPARATIVE CONDITION** aims to help you make good the harm that you have caused, either to a person or a local community. For example, paying for the damage you have caused.

Why would I accept a Conditional Caution?

By accepting a Conditional Caution, you can get help to stop offending before things get worse.

It will also enable you to give something back to victims and the community to make up for what you have done.

If you accept a Conditional Caution, and comply with the conditions, you will not have to go to court and you will not be prosecuted.

What happens if I decide to accept a Conditional Caution?

Once you have admitted the offence and the Police and the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) have decided you are suitable, the whole process and the Conditions will be explained to you.

You will be given a Conditional Cautioning form. This form will contain:

- Details of the offence(s)
- The Condition(s) that you must complete
- Details of how to complete the Condition(s) and any dates involved
- Details of who to contact in case you have problems complying with the Condition(s)

Before you can be given a Conditional Caution, you will be asked to admit to the offence and sign the form to show that you agree with the Condition(s) and that you understand what you need to do.

