



Your Meeting



with the
**Crown Prosecution
Service**

What is this leaflet about?



This leaflet tells you about your meeting with the **Crown Prosecution Service**.



This meeting is to talk about the help you need when you are in **court**.



- Who will be at the meeting?
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- Things you should know.

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You may be able to have help in court. This help is called **special measures**.



At the meeting you can learn about what will happen at the **trial** and talk about the **special measures** you may need. Your needs and wishes will be listened to.



You can also visit the court before the trial.



The CPS decides which **special measures** to ask the court to let you have. The court decides what you can have.

You may find out at the meeting what **special measures** you will have or the police may tell you later.

The **Crown Prosecution Service** may think that you don't need any extra help in your trial. They must tell you why they think you don't need any extra help.

If you don't agree you can say so. They must listen to you or anyone else who thinks you do need extra help. If they agree with you, they can change their minds and ask the court to let you have the **special measures**.

There will be people who work for the **Crown Prosecution Service**.



You can ask your **solicitor** to come to the meeting. You will have to pay them to come to the meeting unless you are on benefits.



A police officer might also be there.



Things you should know



If you want to talk about your **evidence** (the things you will be saying at the **trial**), you must talk to the police officer at a different time. The people at this meeting cannot talk about your **evidence**.



Your friend or supporter can sit with you at this meeting. Your friend or supporter will not always be able to sit with you in the witness box at the trial.



A written record of this meeting will be made. This will usually be sent to **the other person's solicitor**.

If you need more help



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