

Fact sheet - Immediate School Community Safety Order

What does an Immediate School Community Safety Order do?

Some people, like principals and Department of Education and Training staff, are called 'authorised persons'. They have the power to make Orders that set rules for you to follow when you go to or engage with the school.

An Order stops you from entering or staying on school grounds or other places where school activities happen. The Order may include details like times when, or areas where, the Order does not apply.

More information about School Community Safety Orders can be found [here](#). You can watch a video [here](#) to help you understand what School Community Safety Orders do.

How long is an Immediate Order?

The Order also tells you how long these rules will be in place for. The longest amount of time an Order can be in place for is 14 days.

If I have a child at the school, what happens to them now that I have to follow an Immediate Order?

Your school has thought carefully about how the Order will affect your child and how you care for them. An Order is not meant to stop you from caring for them or being involved with their education.

Your school will give you a 'Communications and Access Protocol' as soon as possible after giving you an Order. This will set out:

- how you can be told about your child's education
- how your child can continue to go to school and participate in school activities safely
- what they will do to make sure your child is supported and looked after.

What if I don't agree with an Immediate Order?

The authorised person who made the Order must immediately review the Order after they have made it to consider whether they should make an 'Ongoing School Community Safety Order' or to cancel the Order. More information about Ongoing Orders can be found on the Department of Education and Training website [here](#).

You can make a submission at any time to explain why you acted in a certain way, how it will impact you or your child or anything else they need to know. For example, you may want to tell the school that your child has a disability so that they can make sure you can continue to support them to go to school.

A written submission can be an email or a letter to the authorised person. You can use the template on the Department of Education and Training website [here](#).

If you don't want to write a submission, you can ask to give a verbal submission instead. You can also ask someone else to make a submission for you, such as your disability support person or interpreter.

What happens if I don't follow an Order?

If you don't follow the rules set out in the Order, the school may apply to the Magistrate's Court to make you follow the Order.

If the Magistrate's Court finds that you were wrong in not following an Order, they may:

- require you to pay a fine
- require you to comply with the Order
- require you take specific action to comply with the Order
- require you do anything else that the Court thinks is appropriate.

You will not be jailed, receive a criminal record or a criminal penalty for not following an Order.

What if I need a translator/interpreter or other support?

If you need a translator, interpreter or a support person, you can tell the school principal who can help you get support.

If your child goes to a government school, you can also contact the Department of Education and Training's regional office for more support.

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What if I want more information?

You can go to the Department of Education and Training website [here](#) for more information.