



**YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce**  
Community Justice Programs  
**Request for Diversion**

Part I Request for Diversion		
Young Person's Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth
Telephone Number	Alternate Number	
Address	Town	Postal Code

I hereby request that I be referred to a Diversion Program in relation to the following offence(s):

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

I fully and freely consent to participate in the YMCA Community Justice Programming and I consent to the disclosure of personal information about me to the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce for that purpose.

_____ Signature of Young Person	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian	_____ Date

_____ Last Name of Parent/Guardian	_____ First Name of Parent/Guardian
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Part II Officer Acknowledgement	
_____ Name of Officer and Badge No.	_____ Police Service
_____ Signature of Police Officer	_____ Email Address
_____ Occurrence #	Is there a Co-Accused? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
To be included with referral: <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Contact <input type="checkbox"/> Synopsis	Co-Accused Action: <input type="checkbox"/> Referred <input type="checkbox"/> Charged <input type="checkbox"/> Cautioned/Warned <input type="checkbox"/> No Action

_____ Additional Notes/Comments:
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Referrals may be forwarded by fax or email

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## General Information

### What is diversion?

Diversion is an alternative to court. After investigating an offence, police can decide to use diversion to hold a young person accountable for their behaviour. With the young person's consent, police can make a referral to a community organization that offers diversion programs.

Diversion gives a young person the opportunity to be accountable for his/her behaviour and to do something to make up for their mistake instead of going to court. Diversion is also designed to increase involvement of victims and communities in the justice process and offers a young person a learning opportunity through the use of assigned tasks.

Tasks are tailored to address a young person's specific needs and can include but are not limited to:

- Participation in a Justice Circle
- Verbal or written apology to victim
- Essays
- Personal or community service
- Compensation, restitution
- Charitable donations
- Workshops/educational sessions
- Referrals to community programs

## Information for Young Person

### Diversion Referral

You have been involved in an offence that has resulted in a police investigation. The police officer, as a result of this investigation, has decided to refer you to the YMCA Community Justice Programs to participate in a diversion program.

### What is the next step?

You must contact the YMCA Community Justice Programs and you will be required to attend and meet with a Community Justice Worker for an assessment to determine your suitability for acceptance into the Diversion Program.

Should you fail to contact the referral agency or be deemed unsuitable for the Diversion Program, the officer may proceed with the charge.

### What if I do not follow through?

If you fail to follow through with your diversion responsibilities, the YMCA is obligated to notify the referring officer, who may at that time proceed with the charge.