

Are you or someone you know, facing the risk of criminal charges?

Criminal charges that result in a criminal record have a long lasting effect on your future including your ability to travel outside of the country, admission to educational programs, employment opportunities, applications for loans and future relationships.

Have you or someone you know, been harmed by someone's actions that may result in (or have resulted in) criminal charges?

Restorative Justice gives you a chance to talk about the impact of the actions on you and your loved ones and to play a part in determining what actions will help to repair the harm done.

Ask the police officer involved in your case if restorative justice might be an option.

Our Partners

- Blackfalds RCMP Detachment
- Lacombe Police Services
- Bashaw RCMP detachment
- Rimbey RCMP detachment
- Red Deer County
- Lacombe County
- Red Deer Polytechnic
- Alberta Rural Crime Watch

Rural Red Deer Restorative Justice Program



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Can any crime be referred to Restorative Justice?

No. Some examples of crimes appropriate for RJ include: assault without significant bodily harm, threat to harm, theft under \$5000, vandalism, damage to property, break and enter, mischief, bullying or cyber-bullying, arson and possibly other crimes not listed.

What you need to know about the process

- The process is voluntary
- If you are the person being charged, you must accept responsibility for your actions and be prepared to repair the harms caused by your actions
- Referrals to the Restorative Justice program can be made by the police officer, lawyer or Crown prosecutor
- You have to sign a consent to participate
- You can opt out of the process at any time and the charge will be returned to police or Crown prosecutor's office.

What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative Justice brings offenders and those they have harmed together with a trained facilitator and members of the community to talk about the impact of the harm and agree on actions to repair the harm.

When underlying influencing issues are identified, recommendations and related supports are offered.

When the agreed upon actions are completed the case is closed. It does not proceed through the criminal justice system. Criminal charges are dropped.

**Ask the police officer,
lawyer or Crown
prosecutor who is
involved in your case if
you can choose
Restorative Justice**

It is a Choice

The restorative justice process will not be successful every time, for every person, or every situation and it is not an option for everyone.

When you choose the restorative path you are making a positive choice. It is a choice of accountability, a choice to make things right, a choice to accept help from others and address the things that led you to this place in your life.

Each positive choice leads to another, and the result is cumulative. We applaud those who choose restorative justice, accept responsibility for their actions and follow through on their commitments.

85% of cases referred to RJ result in completion of agreed upon actions to repair the harm and successful closure of the case.