



Procedures of Handling Offences Against Young Persons

Report

- Anyone wishing to make a report to Police may do so by calling “999” for urgent matters, or by calling or attending the Report Room of a Police Station or reporting directly to any Police Officer.
- The victim should try to clearly remember what happened and inform the police of the full facts. e.g. the identity or appearance of the assailant or any items left by the assailant.
- Prior to making a report, do not clean or throw away the victim’s clothes or touch other evidence.
- Once a report has been received, depending upon the circumstances of the case, appropriate action will be taken at the scene and follow-up enquires carried out.

At the Scene

- Medical services will be arranged immediately if required.
- Uniformed Branch Officers and / or detectives may attend the scene.
- Scene of crime experts may attend the scene, collect fingerprints, take photographs and obtain DNA and forensic evidence if necessary.
- If the victim / parent / guardian consent, forensic evidence may be collected by qualified forensic experts. Parents / guardians may accompany the victim
- A police photographer may take photographs of injuries.

Follow-up Enquiries

- The victim and other witnesses will be asked to give formal statements. Victims will be interviewed by an officer of the same sex as the victim if it is a sexual violence case. Video recorded interview may be conducted with “Vulnerable Witness”.
- The victim may be invited to assist in composing a drawing of the suspect or in viewing photographs of possible suspects.
- Contact will be maintained with victim and his / her parent or guardian. If the victim has any fresh information, the investigating officers should be informed.
- The Child Abuse Investigation Unit, which is a specialized team dealing with serious child abuse cases, may take over the case.
- With the consent of the victim and his/her parent or guardian a referral may be made to Social Welfare Department or Non-governmental Organizations for welfare assistance and/or counseling.
- If an arrest is made, the victim may be required to attend an identification parade. A one-way viewer identification parade room may be used.
- In case of a prosecution, the victim may need to attend court to testify. Depending on the circumstances the victims evidence may be given via video recording or live television link, behind a screen or in open court.
- A support person may accompany the victim whilst giving evidence.
- The victim and his/her parent or guardian will be notified about the progress of the investigation and case result.

Useful Information

- Information on the Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation Scheme and the Victim’s Charter is available at the following websites:-

Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation (CLEIC) Scheme

http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_socsecu/sub_criminalan/

Victim’s Charter

<http://www.doj.gov.hk/eng/public/pub200004.html>