

What do you have to do?

- See a Diversion Officer
- Attend an agency to see a drug and alcohol counsellor
- Sign a consent form so information can be shared between the Diversion Officer, the drug and alcohol agency and the Magistrate.

Other contacts:

Alcohol and Drug Information Service (ADIS)

Phone: (08) 9442 5000

Country callers only: 1800 198 024

E-mail: adis@health.wa.gov.au

Parent Drug Information Service (PDIS)

Phone: (08) 9442 5050

Country callers only: 1800 653 203

Appointment information

AGENCY/COUNSELLOR

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DATE/TIME

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ADDRESS

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PHONE

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NEXT COURT APPEARANCE

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POP

Pre-sentence Opportunity Program

A free program available to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have substance use problems and are attending court.

What is POP?

The Pre-sentence Opportunity Program (POP) is a court diversion program. This program aims to help people with their substance use problems by directing them into treatment before sentencing.

Referral to POP is at the Magistrate's discretion.

The Magistrate may take your participation in POP into account when sentencing.

Who is it for?

Any person pleading guilty to an offence who

- has problems related to substance use and is prepared to do something about it
- would normally expect to get a fine or Community Based Order on a plea of guilty
- has no serious offences, or offences appearing in the District or Supreme Courts

• is on bail, or is eligible for bail.

First Court Appearance



Assessment



Counselling



OR

If you are attending court and have substance use problems someone may suggest that you be referred onto the POP program.

This could be the Magistrate, Diversion Officer, Lawyer/Legal representative (ALS or Duty Lawyer) or someone else.

The Magistrate may then choose to stand you down to see the Diversion Officer.

The Diversion Officer will do an assessment to see if the program is suitable for you.

If the Diversion Officer and Magistrate agree, you will be remanded for about two months, to do the POP program.

If the program is not suitable, you will be sentenced straight away.

While you are on the program, you will need to attend an agency to see a drug and alcohol counsellor.

Most people see their counsellor around five times.

The counsellor will give feedback to the Diversion Officer to present to the Magistrate.

Sentencing with POP

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