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This booklet is written for young people who are under 18 years old. Its purpose is to give general information about your rights. It should not be used for a specific problem that you have. To get such advice you should speak to a lawyer or legal worker.

If you have a legal problem, it is important to talk to lawyer because:

- the law is always changing and the information in this booklet may be out of date;
- the laws and rights described in this booklet are complicated. To make this information easier to read, some words are used that may not be as accurate as the words in the law. This booklet is short and some of the laws about young people are not completely discussed; and
- your specific circumstances always makes a difference.

Whenever the word parent* is used in this booklet, it includes any person who has custody* or control of you.

YCJA stands for *Youth Criminal Justice Act*

CCC stands for *Canadian Criminal Code*

s. stands for “section” and tells you where to look in the legislation.

If it doesn't say what statute, it means the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*.

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Know Your Rights: A legal guide to your rights and responsibilities under the Youth Criminal Justice Act

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Definitions

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