You might be wondering...

Going to court can feel confusing or a little scary. Flip this page for answers to some common questions to help make things easier to understand.

Do I have to talk in front of the person who hurt me?

How long do I have to be there?

Do I have to wear a special outfit?

Can I have someone or something come with me to court?

Will anyone believe me?

Will the bad person go to jail?

Who are all the people in the room?

What do I have to say?

What happens to me after court is over?

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You can cut these cards out with scissors and keep them with you. Look through them anytime you have questions about court.

You don't have to dress up, but wear something appropriate—not too casual.

Usually a day or two. Every case is different, though, and sometimes it can take a while.

You might have to speak while they're in the room, but they can't talk to you, come near you, or hurt you. You'll be safe the whole time.

Yes, you can bring something with you. Your advocate will be there along with other members of your family.

Absolutely! What you say matters and everyone is listening.

Sometimes people go to jail if the court decides. The judge, your advocate, and your family will let you know what happens.

There's probably a bunch of people in the room like the judge, jury, and lawyers. They are there to help you.

After court is over you'll get to go home, play games, get online, talk with friends, and go to school like usual.

Just answer the lawyers' questions as best you can like your interview at the CAC. It's not a test. Be honest, and it's okay to say "I don't remember."

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