



ARROWSMITH COMMUNITY JUSTICE SOCIETY

Guideline for Telephone Call

Initial Contact with the Victim and Offender

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Purpose:

- * Make initial voice contact with the Victim or Offender
- * Introduce yourself and our organization
- * Set up the preconference meeting

Introductions:

- Confirm that you have the correct person
 - Is this _____?
- Introduce yourself
 - My name is _____ (first name).
 - I am a Facilitator assigned by the Arrowsmith Community Justice Program for your case of, " _____ " (state offence) which has been referred to us by the RCMP.
 - I understand you have agreed to use Restorative Justice to resolve this matter, is that correct?

Note: If you are dealing with a youth, also ask to speak to the parent listed on the form before/ after talking to the offender. If they are not available, arrange a contact time for a return phone call.

Discussion:

- * State the need for a Pre-conference (initial meeting) to explain the process and to hear their story.
- * Establish a time and place for this meeting
 - If they would like to have the meeting at their home confirm you have the correct address
 - If they would like to meet in a public place ask for a recommendation of where they would like to meet.
- * Establish who will be present at the preconference
 - The victim or offender
 - Both Facilitators
 - For offenders who are youths, a parent or guardian (and youth victims too?)
 - Victims and adult offenders, are entitled to have a support person at the preconference if they so desire.
- * Ask them if they have any questions about the conference.
- * Leave your name and how you may be contacted

Cautions:

- * Avoid leaving messages on answering machines
- * Don't assume the person answering the phone is aware of the incident. Tactfully arrange to speak with whomever you are seeking, even if that means calling back or calling a different number.
- * Avoid leaving messages with children