

Need a lawyer?



You were in court today.



The magistrate has told you to come back to court on another date to continue your case. This is called an 'adjournment'.



Don't forget your next court date. If you don't come, the police can arrest you to bring you to court.



If a duty solicitor helped you in court today, they will not be your lawyer for your next court date.



You need to get your own lawyer to help you next time.



You need to do this as soon as you can.



What you need to do next:



1. Apply for Legal Aid to get a lawyer.

Fill out the legal aid application that came with this information sheet.



Legal aid pays for the cost of your lawyer. Not everyone gets legal aid. It's important to get your application in quickly before your next court date.

You can also apply online at our website www.lsc.sa.gov.au



2. Get legal advice

It's important to talk to a lawyer as soon as possible about whether you should plead guilty or not guilty. This can change the penalty you might get.

Even if you don't get legal aid you should get legal advice before your next court date.



Call the Legal Helpline on 1300 366 424 to get legal advice.

Get legal help



Legal Services Commission

Free Legal Help Line Telephone 1300 366 424

Adelaide Office 159 Gawler Place, Adelaide

Elizabeth Office Suite 2 Windsor Building 1 Windsor Square Elizabeth Shopping Centre

Noarlunga Office Ground Floor, Noarlunga House Ramsay Place Noarlunga Centre

Aboriginal Legal Aid

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc (ALRM) 321-325 King William St Adelaide Telephone (08) 8113 3777 (24 hours)Free Call 1800 643 222 Port Adelaide Office ANL Building, 306 St Vincent Street Port Adelaide

Port Augusta Office 34 Flinders Terrace Port Augusta

Whyalla Office Tenancy 7, 169 Nicolson Avenue Whyalla Norrie

Port Augusta Office 12 Church Street Port Augusta Telephone (08) 8113 3788

Community Legal Centre:

Community legal centres are independent, not-for-profit organisations which may be able to provide legal advice and, in some cases, representation. There are a number of legal centres located in metropolitan and rural South Australia. Visit the website <u>clcsa.org.au</u> to find your closest community legal centre.

Private Lawyer:

The Law Society of South Australia is the professional association of lawyers in South Australia. Level 10, 178 North Terrace Adelaide Telephone (08) 8229 0200

You can phone and ask for a referral to a private lawyer, however they may charge fees.