

Useful Contacts:

Alcohol and Drug Support Line

The Alcohol and Drug Support Line is a 24 hour confidential telephone counselling, information and referral service for anyone seeking assistance with alcohol or other drug use.

Phone: (08) 9442 5000

Country callers only: 1800 198 024
alcoholdrugsupport@mhc.wa.gov.au
alcoholdrugsupport.mhc.wa.gov.au

Parent and Family Drug Support Line

The Parent and Family Drug Support Line is a 24 hour confidential telephone counselling service for families and carers concerned about a loved one's alcohol or drug use.

Phone: (08) 9442 5050

Country callers only: 1800 653 203

alcoholdrugsupport@mhc.wa.gov.au
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Diversion Officer contact details:

Appointment information

AGENCY/COUNSELLOR

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DATE/TIME

ADDRESS

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PHONE

Next court appearance

DATE/TIME

COURT LOCATION

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POP

Pre-sentence
Opportunity Program

A free voluntary program to assist people with alcohol and other drug related problems who are attending court.



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1 Court Appearance



2 Assessment



3 Treatment/ Counselling



4 Sentencing



Could POP be for me?

YES if

- you are pleading guilty to your charge
- you are experiencing problems related to alcohol and other drug use and are willing to attend counselling
- you are on bail or advised that you are eligible for bail
- this is your first offence or you don't have an extensive criminal history or
- you have been advised that your current charge is likely to result in a fine or community based order.

Then POP could be for you.

How does POP work?

1 Referral

A request for an assessment for POP can be made by a magistrate, the Diversion officer (a trained drug and alcohol worker based in the court), a lawyer, police or yourself.

2 Assessment

The Diversion officer will talk to you about your alcohol and other drug related problems and whether POP or another Diversion program is suitable for you. The Diversion officer will give the assessment to the magistrate for consideration. If the magistrate agrees, your case will be adjourned for approximately 6-12 weeks for you to do the program.

3 Treatment/ Counselling

The Diversion officer will refer you to a service where a trained drug and alcohol worker will arrange and provide counselling. The counsellor will give a written report to the Diversion officer before you return to court. This report will provide information about your engagement in counselling.

4 Sentencing

The Diversion officer will give the counsellor's report to the magistrate. The magistrate may then consider the report when you are sentenced.