

What is STIR?

The Supervised Treatment Intervention Regime (STIR) is a court diversion program that aims to direct people with a substance use problem into treatment.

If this is your situation, the STIR program provides ongoing support and counselling for up to six months under the supervision of a Community Corrections Officer (CCO).

If you choose to participate in the STIR program, the magistrate may take your involvement into consideration when you are sentenced.

Useful Contacts:

Alcohol anfff Phone: (08) 9442 5000
Country callers only: 1800 198 024
E-mail: alcoholdrugsupport@mhc.wa.gov.au

Parent and Family Drug Support Line
Phone: (08) 9442 5050
Country callers only: 1800 653 203

There are other related Diversion programs available including:

- **Young Persons Opportunity Program (YPOP)**
- **Pre-sentence Opportunity Program (STIR)**
- **Indigenous Diversion Program (IDP)**
- **Perth Drug Court.**

Diversion Officer contact details:

Appointment information

AGENCY/COUNSELLOR

DATE/TIME

ADDRESS

PHONE

Next court appearance

DATE/TIME

COURT LOCATION



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Supervised Treatment Intervention Regime

A free program to assist people who have a substance use problem and are attending court.



1 Referral



1 Assessment



Urinalysis



Treatment



3 Treatment

Case management



Reviews by magistrate



4 Sentencing



Who is eligible?

Any person pleading guilty to an offence and who:

- Has problems related to substance use and is prepared to access treatment
- Has fairly stable living circumstances
- Would normally expect to receive a fine or community based order on a plea of guilty
- Is on bail, or is eligible for bail.

Referral to STIR is at the magistrate's discretion.

What will I have to do if I go on the STIR program?

You will have to do urinalysis up to 3 times per week and see a drug and alcohol counsellor on average once a week to help address your drug use.

You will have to attend court every couple of weeks so that the magistrate has an idea of how things are going for you.

You will have regular supervision and contact with a Community Corrections Officer (CCO).

How does STIR work?

1 Referral

You can be referred for assessment by the magistrate, lawyer, police prosecutor, yourself, or someone else in the court.

2 Assessment

A Diversion Officer will discuss your substance use and related issues with you. If you agree to undergo treatment, they will assess if the program is suitable for you.

The Diversion Officer gives the assessment to the magistrate for consideration. If the magistrate accepts this, then you will be assigned a CCO. The CCO will be your case manager and organise your urinalysis.

3 Treatment

The Diversion Officer will refer you to an appropriate treatment agency.

At the treatment agency you may be offered counselling (either individual or as part of a group), detox, residential rehabilitation or other services.

4 Sentencing

The agency will give the Diversion Officer a report about your participation in the program.

When you return to court, the report is provided to the magistrate for consideration at the time of sentencing.