

Criminal Justice Support Network

The Police Code of Practice (CRIME) requires that a support person be present for vulnerable people at a police station.

Possible Indicators of vulnerability:

- The person has difficulty understanding questions and answers but may not show that they do not understand.
- The person responds inappropriately or inconsistently to questions
- The person has a short attention span
- The person receives a disability pension
- The person has difficulty explaining the meaning of the caution
- The person resides in a group home, institution or other supported accommodation
- The person **may or may not** identify as someone who has an intellectual disability
- The person may exhibit inappropriate social distance such as being overly friendly or anxious to please

A person with an intellectual disability is vulnerable

Arranging a Support Person

The Criminal Justice Support Network (CJSN) provides support for people with intellectual disabilities at police stations in the

- Central Coast
- Hunter
- Southern NSW
- Sydney regions

To arrange support (24 hours) call

1300 665 908



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