

Community safety first: new tougher action on youth crime and its causes

The Queensland Government understands the impact youth crime is having on our community. That is why new tougher action is being taken to further protect community safety and tackle the complex causes of youth crime.

Targeting serious repeat youth offenders

Right now, 17% of young offenders are committing 50% of crimes. New laws will further target the serious repeat youth offenders who put community safety at risk.

- › **A new declaration of serious repeat offenders:** The Youth Justice Act will be amended to declare certain offenders as 'serious repeat offenders', meaning tougher sentences to protect community safety.
- › **More offences with a presumption against bail:** People who are passengers in stolen vehicles, commit burglary or enter a premise to commit an indictable offence will now have a presumption against bail.
- › **Strengthened conditional release orders:** Repeat offenders will serve their suspended term in detention if they breach a condition. This will help protect community safety and help maximise rehabilitation for offenders.

Tackling the complex causes of youth crime

While we target these serious high-risk offenders, we'll continue to fight the complex causes of youth crime through early intervention.

The Queensland Government will invest \$100 million in new funds for urgent action to help break the destructive cycle of youth crime.

- › **New investment in grassroots early intervention:** We'll invest in more community-based initiatives targeting at-risk youth to provide recreational, learning, mentoring and drug and alcohol support to help break the cycle of offending.

- › **Expansion of intensive case management:** We'll target more chronic young offenders aged 13 to 17 years, and their families, to help break the cycle of crime.
- › **Expansion of youth co-responder teams:** Dedicated teams of police and youth justice workers will provide a rapid response targeting young people at risk of offending and young people on bail.
- › **Expansion of 'On Country' programs:** \$4 million to provide culture-based rehabilitation for young First Nations peoples including supervision by On Country Elders.

Investing in community safety

- › **High visibility Police patrols:** A \$34 million injection for high visibility police patrols and proactive policing, including social media monitoring and engagement. There are now more than 12,000 Police officers in Queensland – more than ever before.
- › **Helping seniors secure their homes:** \$15 million to help senior citizens with the cost of securing their homes. It will help subsidise practical home security improvements, such as strengthening window locks and shutters and installing CCTV cameras.
- › **Subsidising the installation of vehicle immobilisers:** \$10 million to help subsidise vehicle immobilisers in Cairns, Townsville and Mt Isa.
- › **Increased support for victims of crime:** \$9 million investment to better respond to victims of property crime where violence or a threat of violence has occurred.

For more information visit www.qld.gov.au/strongerlaws



Queensland
Government