

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

If you are suitable then the person writing your Pre-Sentence Report will propose a Specified Activity Requirement with RJ.

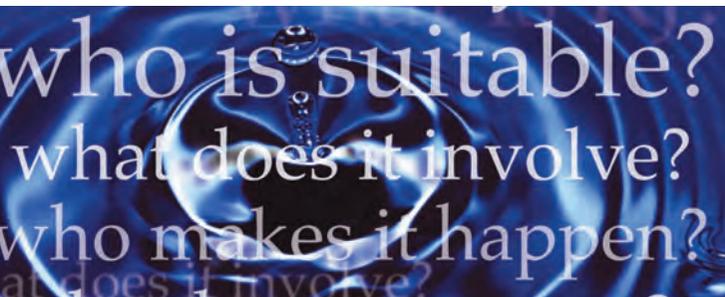
If the Court makes such an order you will be contacted after sentence by an RJ Facilitator. They will then arrange to see you for your first meeting.

The victim will then be contacted and their views taken into account.

The preparation and other meetings will follow. Some time later a review meeting will take place to review what has been achieved and to look forward to the future.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

Our contact details are on the back of this leaflet, so give us a ring if there is anything you want to know more about.



A multi-agency partnership working to provide restoration for victims and offenders in the Thames Valley.



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INFORMATION FOR OFFENDERS

Restorative Justice (RJ) as a Specified Activity Requirement of a Community Order, or a Suspended Sentence Order

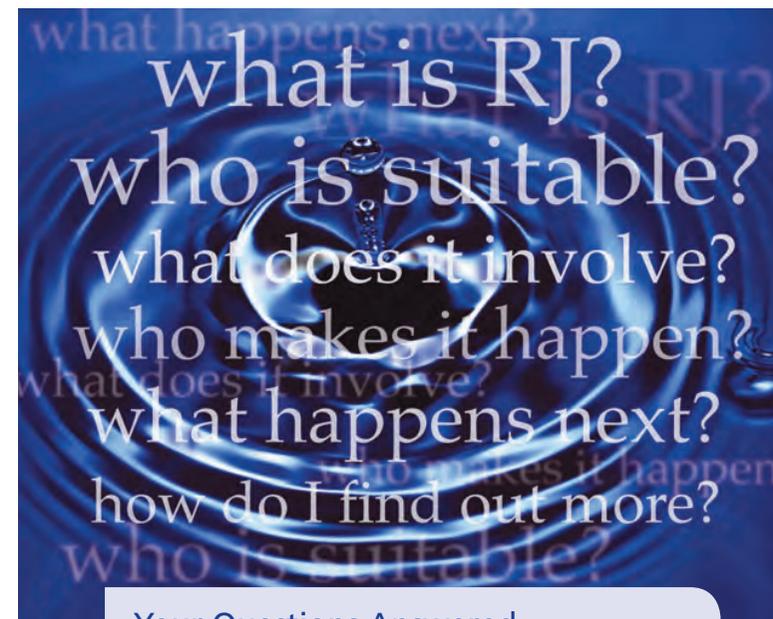


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Your Questions Answered

WHAT IS RJ?

Restorative Justice is the chance for you to put right the harm you have caused. It may involve meeting the victim to talk about:

- What happened.
- Who was affected, and how.
- What can be done to make things better.

If the victim does not want to meet you, other ways will be explored to repair the harm.

WHO IS SUITABLE?

You are suitable if you have committed a violent offence with a personal victim (not domestic violence) or an offence of household burglary. You will be expected to:

- Accept some responsibility for causing harm.
- Be willing to meet the victim, if the victim chooses to meet you.
- Follow through the programme, if a Requirement is made.



WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The Requirement involves taking part in at least four meetings which will include:

1. Meeting to find out what you think about what happened and what you can do about it.
2. Helping you prepare.
3. Meeting the victim, or another activity, such as writing a letter of apology.
4. A review meeting with your Offender Manager and the RJ Facilitator.

You may come to a voluntary agreement with the victim to further repair the harm in some way, but that will not be a requirement of the Order.

WHY DO IT?

RJ gives you the chance to make a real difference to the person to whom you have caused harm. Victims often want to understand why the crime happened to them. They also want to play some part in the process of what happens to the person who committed the crime. Victims want to know that they are not likely to be harmed by the same person again.

By helping you face up to the consequences of what you have done RJ can help you to feel better about what happened and enable you to put it

behind you. You can use your sentence to achieve a positive outcome for yourself and the victim. RJ means that you have the chance not just to say sorry and feel sorry, but to do something about it.

WHO MAKES IT HAPPEN?

RJ is organised by a person from the Thames Valley Restorative Justice Service who is a trained RJ Facilitator. They will meet you for each of the meetings. The Specified Activity Requirement with RJ is made alongside a Supervision Requirement. Your Offender Manager and the RJ Facilitator will work closely with you to make sure that the process works best for both you and the victim.

