



Staff of Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7 will collaborate with youth workers in order to address school safety and security issues, and provide a collaborative and coordinated case management approach to the rehabilitation of students with young offender status.

Background

Section 38 of the *Young Offenders Act* provides for information to be shared between school officials and other professionals engaged in the supervision or care of a young person where the disclosure of information is necessary

- to procure information for a report required by the Act;
- to comply with a court order concerning bail, probation, or conditional supervision;
- to ensure conditions imposed on a temporary release; or
- ensure the safety of staff, students or other persons.

Subsequent disclosure of information received for the above purposes is limited under the Act. A breach of the publication or records provision of the *Young Offenders Act* is an offence for which there are legal and professional consequences.


The *Young Offenders Act* protects the privacy of young persons by placing strict limits on the publication of the identity of a young offender and the disclosure of records that serve to reveal a youth’s young offender status. Publishing has been interpreted broadly by the courts to include “any act of communication from one to another.” The idea here is to “provide a balance between the rights of the young person and the protection of the community.”

Definitions:

A **person with young offender status** is an individual charged with, or found guilty of, a criminal code or other federal statute offence that was committed when he or she was 12 years of age or more but under 18 years of age.

Youth workers are probation officers, group home staff or any other persons employed or contracted by Alberta Justice to engage in the provision of services to young persons.

Resource: *Young Offender Information Sharing Protocol* (December 1996)

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