

What happens if you don't comply?

If you break the terms of the order, we will enforce it. You will return to court for breaching the order.

The court might decide to:

- make you do more requirements
- make the requirement(s) you are doing harder
- send you to prison – especially if you have a suspended sentence order

Diversity

The Probation Service is committed to valuing and respecting differences between individuals. If you have concerns or questions about race, religion, culture, gender, sexual orientation, child care or other issues, please discuss this as soon as possible with your offender manager.

The court has ordered you to do the requirements that are ticked below:

- Supervision** – regular sessions with an offender manager to help you stop offending
- Unpaid Work (Community Payback)** – you will work in the community, paying back for the harm you have caused
- Programme** – a course to help you change so you stop offending
- Drug Rehabilitation** – to help you overcome your drug problem by treatment and testing
- Alcohol treatment** – to help you overcome your alcohol problem
- Curfew** – to stop you going out between agreed hours, sometimes with electronic monitoring
- Residence** – you must live at a place agreed by the court
- Activity** – an activity to improve your skills or spend time with the victim of your crime
- Exclusion** – to stop you going somewhere because you have committed an offence there
- Prohibited Activity** – bans you from something such as attending a football match or using the internet
- Mental Health Treatment** – professional medical help for problems which led to you to offend
- Attendance centre (for under 25s)** – you must go to an attendance centre for set hours

Your activity or programme is:

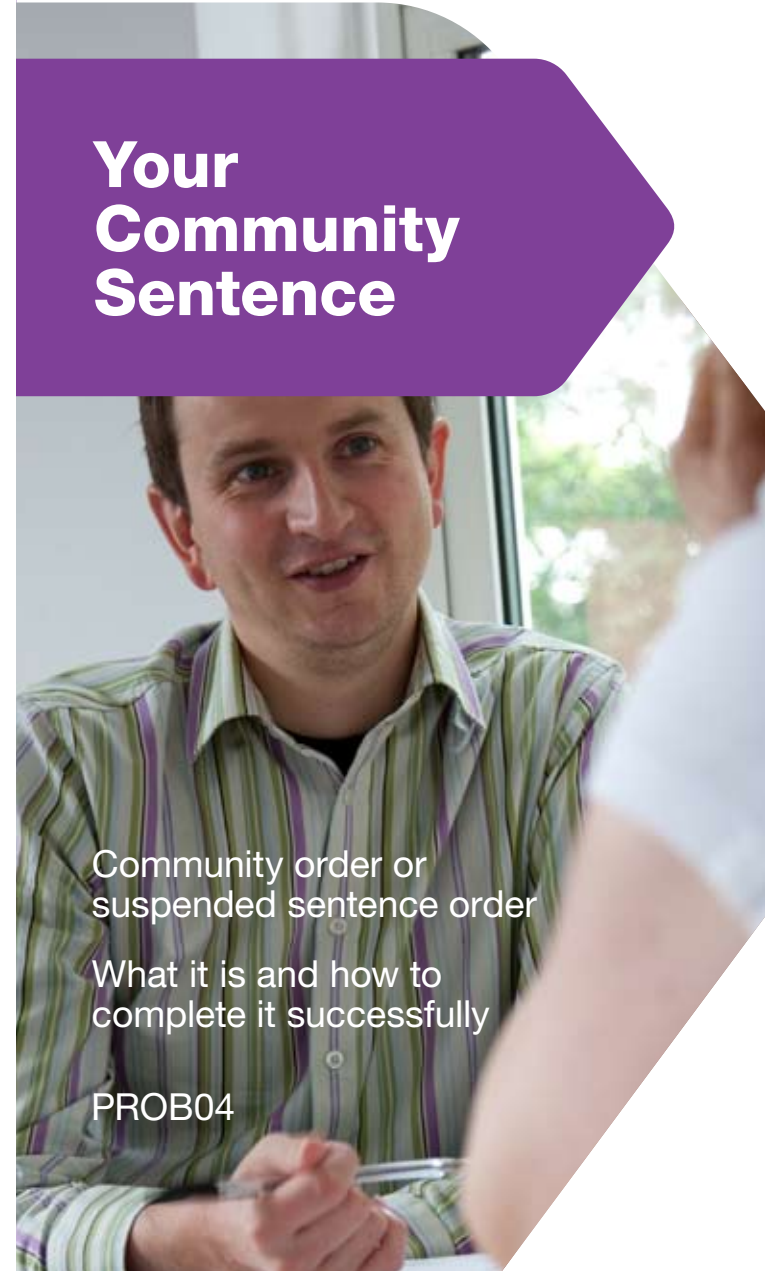
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Your Community Sentence

Community order or suspended sentence order

What it is and how to complete it successfully

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About your order

You have been sentenced to:

- A Community Order.** This is made up of one or more “requirements” that the court has ordered you to do.
- A Suspended Sentence Order.** This is a prison sentence served in the community, made up of one or more requirements that the court has ordered you to do. If you breach it you can automatically be sent to prison.

What is an offender manager?

An offender manager is the person who oversees your order. You will work with other people as well.

Your offender manager will encourage you to think about the things in your life that might lead you to re-offend.

You and your offender manager will together agree an action plan for you to follow during your sentence. This is called your sentence plan.

If you have a supervision requirement, you will meet your offender manager regularly to see how you are getting on.

How can probation support you?

We can't solve all of your problems for you, but there is a lot the Probation Service can offer.

On your order we, and other organisations, can try to help you to:

- stop offending
- overcome drug misuse or drink problems
- get a job, training or education (including basic English and maths)
- sort out debts and benefits
- sort out accommodation issues
- plan for the future

This is your probation office. If you need to contact your offender manager, this is the number to ring. Do not try to contact your offender manager any other way unless you have been told to.

What do I have to do?

Your offender manager will do what they can to help you to finish your order but it is important that you make an effort yourself.

This is what you must do:

- turn up for appointments and be on time
- arrive with a clear head, not under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- actively take part
- stop offending
- treat probation staff and other people you meet during your sentence with respect
- tell your offender manager at once if you plan to change your address or phone number
- tell your offender manager at once if you can't keep an appointment
- tell your offender manager if you are having a problem with any part of your sentence