



What happens after I report a crime to police?

When you report a crime to us, we'll conduct an initial investigation and decide if we are able to further investigate your report.

In making this decision we'll consider a number of factors including:

- the needs, safety and vulnerability of the victim (ie is the victim in danger?),
- the seriousness or potential impact of the crime,
- whether all avenues of investigation have been completed,
- the probability of successfully clearing the crime if further investigated.

We'll either:

- close the investigation.
- continue the investigation.

When we've made a decision, we'll try to contact you and let you know.

If we close the investigation:

When we close a report, the information we have on that crime remains on the report. If we get new evidence about your report in the future, we can reopen it and investigate further.

Either way, your report is valuable to us. It helps us understand what crime is happening in your community and how to best use police resources to target or prevent it.

If we continue the investigation:

If we can proceed with an investigation, some further steps may include:

- locating and interviewing witnesses,
- examining forensic or digital evidence (like blood located at a crime scene or a CCTV recording of the crime),
- looking at intelligence information (ie knowledge from our own holdings),
- identifying, locating and interviewing suspect/s.

Getting an update on a report of crime:

For an update on a report you have made to police you can go to [Track my Crime](https://www.police.sa.gov.au/trackmycrime) (police.sa.gov.au), contact the investigating officer or attend your local police station.

Police cannot give you an update over the phone, unless they know you. If you attend a police station you will need photo identification. Having the Police Report number will help the officer locate the report quickly, but it is not essential.

