

THINK ABOUT IT FIRST



Strategies for Youth
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WHEN YOU GET ARRESTED:

- Fingerprints/photo will be stored
- DNA may be collected and used against you later
- School may be told, which could result in suspension or expulsion
- Public housing agency may find out

GETTING A COURT RECORD COULD MEAN:

- Paying a fine, restitution, or other legal costs
- Not being allowed to travel out of state
- Not being allowed to work in daycare or summer camps
- Delaying or losing your driver's permit/license
- Problems getting into the military
- Problems with immigration
- Registering publicly as a sex offender for the rest of your life

IN ADULT COURT:

Youth as young as 14 charged with serious crimes may be sent to adult court. If you are **under 18 and convicted in adult court**, it could also mean:

- Difficulty getting into college or university

- Not getting federal financial aid (drug charges only)
- Not getting into jobs in certain professions
- Not getting jobs with the federal government
- Having your DNA on record for the rest of your life

UNDER CALIFORNIA'S 3 STRIKES LAW:

- Serious or violent crimes committed by a juvenile count as strikes against them for the rest of their life.
- If you are convicted again, those strikes can double or triple your prison sentence.
- A third serious or violent strike can result in a mandatory life sentence.

REMEMBER:

- Juvenile records for non-strike offenses adjudicated on or after January 1, 2015 will automatically be sealed if you complete probation/terms of your sentence.
- Juvenile records are **not** automatically sealed.
- To learn how to get a copy of your record or how to get help sealing your record, visit sealitca.org

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