

Information for person for whom a treatment order has been made

Severe Substance Dependence Treatment Act 2010

Important information

An applicant has applied to the Magistrates' Court for a detention and treatment order for you. This is to treat your drug and/or alcohol dependence.

If the Magistrate makes an order, you will be taken to a treatment centre and given compulsory treatment for your alcohol or drug problem for up to 14 days.

Who can help me?

It is recommended that you obtain some help with this process.

You can call Victoria Legal Aid on 1300 792 387 for free legal advice and help. You can also ask a family member, friend or carer for help.

You can ask someone you trust to be your Nominated Person. This person can act to help protect your things and responsibilities while you are in the treatment centre.

What happens if the Court makes an order?

If the Magistrate makes a detention and treatment order, you will be taken to a treatment centre, where you will receive treatment and support for your alcohol and/or drug problem. You may be held at the treatment centre for up to 14 days, unless the doctors believe that you do not need treatment and release you from the order.

Your Nominated Person can help you with any questions you may have.

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