

Protective Agreements

This service gives victims of crime an opportunity to come to a voluntary agreement with an offender about how to safely manage any unintended contact after prison release.

Protective Agreements are a **private, voluntary arrangement** between a victim of crime and a person who was sentenced in NSW for the offence.

Protective Agreements are only about **how to safely manage any unintended contact** after prison release, such as seeing each other in the street.

Protective Agreements are **negotiated through a Restorative Justice Facilitator**. They do not involve direct communication between the victim and offender.

Protective Agreements are **not legally binding or enforceable**. However, the Facilitator may address issues that arise, or renegotiate the Agreement.

Protective Agreements **cannot be used if an Apprehended Violence Order is in place or is necessary** to ensure the safety of the victim.

Contact Information

Please contact the Restorative Justice Service if you want to know more about Protective Agreements.



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The NSW Department of Communities and Justice is responsible for managing the Restorative Justice Service.

This Service has been operating since 1999, and all the Facilitators have received specialised training.