

Where can I find out more?

For more information please ask your local Community Punishment officer.

Enhanced Community Punishment



Information for you



Punishment with a purpose

What is Enhanced Community Punishment (ECP)?

ECP is a scheme to help you stop offending without going to prison.

You will do unpaid work for the community as a punishment.

The work will help other people. It will also help improve your:

- Work skills
- Problem solving skills
- Thinking about the way you behave
- Ability to stay out of trouble

Work sessions are held on weekdays and at the weekends. In planning your work sessions, we will take account of employment and family commitments.

What does it mean for me?

After your sentence you will see your Community Punishment officer who will tell you about the ECP scheme and give you work that meets your skills and needs.

You will need to start your work within ten days and your progress will be reviewed on a regular basis.

What do I have to do?

You must:

- Keep all appointments and turn up on time
- Work all the hours ordered and comply with your instructions
- Inform us if you change address
- Let us know immediately if you cannot attend

If you miss two or more sessions without a valid reason, you will be taken back to court and could be sent to prison.

You must not:

- Miss an appointment or be late
- Turn up under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Behave in a racist, sexist or offensive way

You have a right to be treated fairly without discrimination and must treat others in this way. If you have a complaint please speak to your Community Punishment officer.