

JUVENILE LAW 101:



COMMON LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING FRANKLIN COUNTY TEENAGERS



Juvenile Court

Juvenile Court has jurisdiction over anyone under 18 who commits a crime.

How many cases?

Franklin County Juvenile Court hears thousands of cases each year involving minors from all over the entire county.

Charges often arise from:

- Bullying/Threats
- Sexting
- Fighting
- Drugs and alcohol
- Guns/weapons
- Robbery/Theft
- Vandalism
- Traffic violations
- Inducing panic/making false alarms

What are the consequences?

- Juvenile dispositions can include:
- Time in juvenile prison
 - Residential treatment facilities
 - Probation
 - House arrest/electronic monitoring
 - Juvenile sex offender registration
 - Children Services involvement
 - Community service
 - Counseling

Many serious issues affect today's teens!



- **Heroin and opioids:** Ohio leads the nation in overdose deaths. Use of these drugs is prevalent in Ohio high schools.
- **Human trafficking:** In Ohio alone, more than 1,000 minors are trafficked annually. Victims come from all geographic areas and all socioeconomic levels.



The Prosecutor's Office offers presentations to schools in Franklin County to educate students, teachers, and parents on the juvenile justice system. Topics include the basics of juvenile court, a discussion of common offenses committed by juveniles, and resources available to teens in threatening situations.

To schedule a presentation at your school, please contact: Zach Imwalle at 614-525-6383 or zimwalle@franklincountyohio.gov



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