**Court support & service**

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| **Sample social media posts** | **Graphics/Images to accompany** |
| **Witness Service** |  |
| If you’re going to court as a witness to crime, you don’t have to go alone. Find out more here about the ways VSS Witness Service can help you through. To find out more, visit: <https://bit.ly/31Z1jFF> | Going to court as a witness |
| If you’re going to court as a witness to a crime, VSS Witness Service:   * Offers support to all witnesses (including for the defence) * Covers every Sheriff and High Court in Scotland * Is completely free   Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/31Z1jFF> | Going to court as a witness |
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| **Preparing for court** |  |
| Going to court can be daunting enough without worrying about the logistics. Read VSS ‘Preparing for Court’ tips to learn more about what to expect on the day: <https://bit.ly/3fLSVhj> | Worried about upcoming trial |
| If you have questions about going to court and what to expect, VSS are here to help. Read their ‘Preparing for Court’ tips to learn more about what to expect on the day: <https://bit.ly/3fLSVhj> | Worried about upcoming trial |
| Going to court as a witness to a crime can be a daunting experience. VSS can help you to prepare in advance, allowing you to give your best evidence on the day.  For more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/3fLSVhj> | Worried about upcoming trial |
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| **FAQs** |  |
| If you’re going to court and are unsure about what to expect, VSS have you covered. Read their FAQs to shed some light on what will happen on the day: <https://bit.ly/33TDdyj> | Worried about upcoming trial / post without image |
| If you’re going to court as a witness, VSS can support you to give your best evidence on the day. Read their list of FAQs for an understanding on the process and help you to cope with what may be a worrying experience: <https://bit.ly/33TDdyj> | Going to court as a witness / post without image |
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| **Support after a trial** |  |
| Your experience as a victim of a crime doesn’t end when the trial does, no matter the verdict. VSS is on hand to help you to move forward.  Contact them for support at 0800 160 1985 / [http://victimsupport.scot](http://victimsupport.scot/) | Confidential support image 1 |
| The trial isn’t the end of your experience as a victim of crime, especially if the sentence is not what you wanted. Let VSS help by informing you of #YourRights, and empowering you to move forward with your life.  Contact them for support at 0800 160 1985 / <http://victimsupport.scot> | Confidential support image 2 |
| Mixed emotions after a trial are normal. If you’re in need of a listening ear, VSS are on hand to help with free, independent and confidential services. Contact them today on 0800 160 1985 / [http://victimsupport.scot](http://victimsupport.scot/) | Confidential support image 3 |
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| **Court Familiarisation Visits / Virtual Tours** |  |
| Seeing the court before a trial can reduce any stress or anxiety around giving evidence. VSS can organise a familiarisation visit for you to put your mind at ease.  Contact us today on at 0800 160 1985 / [http://victimsupport.scot](http://victimsupport.scot/) | Court familiarisation visit |
| Seeing the court room before a trial can help to reduce feelings of anxiety and stress about giving evidence. VSS virtual court tours are intended to inform you about what the courts look like and what you can expect when you attend. Visit [http://victimsupport.scot/going-to-court](https://t.co/UNGywfbmbB?amp=1) | Virtual Court Tours |
| If you’re concerned about attending court, let us help by arranging a familiarisation visit. VSS can show you around, explain the process and help you know what to expect on the day.  Arrange a visit / Contact us today at 0800 160 1985 / [http://victimsupport.scot](http://victimsupport.scot/) | Court familiarisation visit |
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| **Special Measures** |  |
| If you’re a vulnerable witness, you can request additional special measures to protect you in court and assist in giving your best evidence. Let VSS help you do that.  Contact our Witness Service today for support: 0800 160 1985 / [http://victimsupport.scot](https://t.co/Y3V0VZgSSb?amp=1) (8am-8pm, M-F) | Special measures |
| Special measures, such as screens or in-court supports, are available to all vulnerable witnesses going to court. For further information, visit VSS resources on going to court: <https://bit.ly/3kGq6Xh> | Special measures |
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| **Young Witnesses** |  |
| If you’re a young person and attending court, VSS are here for you. For support, talk to them right away via their webchat or helpline: 0800 160 1985 / [http://victimsupport.scot](https://t.co/Y3V0VZgSSb?amp=1) (8am-8pm, M-F) | Webchat support |
| Going to court as a young person can be a daunting prospect. For more information on how VSS can support you through this, you can call their helpline or talk to them via webchat right away.  Helpline: 0800 160 1985 (Mon – Fri, 8am – 8pm)  Webchat: [victimsupportsco.org.uk](http://victimsupportsco.org.uk/) | Young person webchat |