

Smart Justice

“community safety the smart way”

What is Smart Justice?

Smart Justice seeks to enhance the safety of all Victorians by promoting understanding of criminal justice policies that are effective, evidence-based and human rights compliant. In short, Smart Justice is about community safety – the smart way.

The organisations involved in Smart Justice have a vast array of experience working in the criminal justice system with those affected by it; victims, offenders and others. We know the impact of crime and we are passionate about promoting safe and vibrant communities. That’s why we support Smart Justice.

The Smart Justice project involves producing factsheets on various topical criminal justice issues, from mandatory sentencing to crime prevention. The factsheets are being distributed and promoted by the organisations involved in Smart Justice and they are also available on our website:

www.smartjustice.org.au

The Smart Justice project is built on a joint commitment to:

- healthy, diverse and inclusive communities
- respect for human rights and enforceable human rights protections
- enhanced support for victims of crime
- stopping violence
- greater focus on crime prevention and cost-effective crime prevention strategies
- greater resources to address the causes of crime and repeat offending
- sentencing options that address the causes of offending
- a health-focused response to reduce alcohol abuse and related violence
- reducing the use of knives and other weapons
- policing that avoids unnecessary use of force and that builds community confidence

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