

The Long Arm of the Law - Workshop Template

Find Your Local Police Station

Knowing which police station governs which area is an important task because this is where you will have to go to lodge a complaint if ever in need of assistance.

**Discover
5 minutes**

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<p>Call the helpline 112 to confirm which is the police station for your area. This relates to your residential address and pincode so make sure you have that detail.</p> <p>Extra: Run an online search of [your state] police station and take a look at their official website. Find out the Police Control Room number for your state.</p>	<p>Persons Solo activity</p> <p>Resources Phone</p> <p>References Look at section 'Many Sites of the Criminal Justice System' in the module 'The Long Arm of the Law for more information about persons in a police station</p>	<p>You will know where and who to approach in the case of any criminal grievance</p> <p>If you look at your state police website you will also learn what are the other services and information offered by your state police</p>	<p>You may not be able to communicate effectively with the operator either due to a poor connection or because you are not clear when providing information. Make sure you have your details at hand and speak clearly</p>



Think like an FIR

The filing of a First Information Report is the crucial first step for any victim. The FIR registration number is what will be used in reference to the case going forward

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40 minutes**

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<p>Step 1 (5 Minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Look up the CBI webpage to view FIRs. The link is given. Select the CBI branch of your state. <p>Step 2 (15 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Select any of the FIRs and note down the details that are required. <p>Step 3 (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Look in the newspaper for a case that the CBI is involved in. Based on your notes make a mock version of the FIR that may have been filed for that case.	<p>Persons</p> <p>Can be done by 1-3 persons.</p> <p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Internet-Enabled DevicesNews paperPen, paper <p>References</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Link to CBI FIR websiteLook at the general overview in the section 'Interacting with the police in the module 'The Long Arm of the Law'.You can also refer to the Graphic Law Library of JA on how to file an FIR.	<p>You will become familiar with the details required for an FIR</p> <p>You will have a sense of what kind of offences are take up by the CBI</p>	<p>The CBI FIRs are all in English as is the website. The facilitator may have to provide a working translation of the document</p> <p>If the facilitator is able to access copies of FIRs from the local police station that may be more effective but it depends on how willing the police are to cooperate</p>



Decoding the Indian Penal Code

The IPC details many kinds of offenses, ranging from crimes against the human body, to crimes against property, and crimes against administration of justice. Without knowing what kind of offences are listed you may not know what you can file a case for.

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<p>Step 1 (10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Read the newspaper of the day and identify one criminal activity mentioned. <p>Step 2 (10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Take a look at the Indian Penal Code. It is available online but you can also check your local library or court, Look at the index of the code to see where the offence is mentioned. <p>Step 3 (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Read the relevant portion and identify the following details<ul style="list-style-type: none">Which section of the Code is it in?Is it a bailable or nonbailable offence?What are the consequences of breaking this law?	<p>Persons</p> <p>Can be done by 1-3 persons</p> <p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Internet-Enabled DevicesNews paperPen, paper <p>References</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Indian Penal Code	<p>Reading through the index you will get a sense of the different kinds of offences</p> <p>You will also get a sense of what the scope of the powers of the police are</p> <p>You will be able to do a basic scan of the IPC and identify essential information</p>	<p>The language of the IPC is not direct and can be confusing. The participants may get lost in the details. It's important that you limit yourself to the information required</p> <p>The IPC reference given here is in English. The facilitator will have to be fluent in English and be able to understand the information. They may need to have to do the exercise by themselves beforehand and simply demonstrate it to participants</p>

