



**Children's Court
Victoria**

PRACTICE DIRECTION

No. 3 of 2018

**PROTECTION APPLICATIONS IN REGIONAL VENUES
WHERE A CHILD IS PLACED IN EMERGENCY CARE**

This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to Section 592 of the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*.

Preamble

This Practice Direction applies to a child protection application filed at regional venues of the Children's Court of Victoria where a child has been placed in emergency care.

Directions

1. At regional headquarter venues (Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Latrobe Valley and Shepparton) and regional non-headquarter venues of the Children's Court:
 - (a) The Family Division registry of the Children's Court will not accept the filing of any application after 1pm on any sitting day, which arises out of a child taken into safe custody.
 - (b) Any submissions contest arising out of the filing of an application referred to in paragraph 1(a) must be in a position to proceed by 3pm.
2. Child protection practitioners should file a copy of all relevant CRIS notes in a sealed envelope together with the protection application at the time of filing or as soon as practicable thereafter. Applications for the release of notes shall be brought before the Court as soon as practicable after they have been filed.

This Practice Direction revokes Practice Direction No. 5 of 2016.

This Practice Direction commences on 9 May 2018.


Magistrate Jennifer Bowles
Acting President
Children's Court of Victoria

Dated: 8 May 2018.