



**Children's Court
Victoria**

PRACTICE DIRECTION

No. 4 of 2013

MELBOURNE CHILDREN'S COURT

Applications arising out of children taken into safe custody

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

Preamble

This Practice Direction relates to all child protection applications at the Melbourne Children's Court arising out of children taken into safe custody.

Directions

1. The Family Division registry of the Melbourne 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, with the exception of secure welfare related placements, which may be filed up until 2pm.
2. Protective workers should file a copy of their CRIS notes in a sealed envelope with the 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 their filing.
3. Any submissions contest arising out of the filing of an application referred to in paragraph 1 must be in a position to proceed by 3pm.
4. This Practice Direction will operate until 31 December 2013 unless otherwise directed.

Revocation of previous Practice Direction

This Practice Direction revokes Practice Direction 1 of 2008.

This Practice Direction commences on 2 September 2013.

Judge Peter Couzens
President
Children's Court of Victoria

9 August 2013