

What is the ACT SIP?

The ACT-SIP helps people who might be thinking about supporting violent acts. These acts might be to support groups, agendas, or beliefs. The program tries to prevent harm by talking to these people early. It offers people options instead of violence.

ACT-SIP does not try to change people's beliefs or thoughts. Instead, we help them find safer and more positive paths, so they don't cause harm to themselves or others.

The Justice and Community Safety Directorate within the ACT Government runs the ACT-SIP.

What is the goal of ACT SIP?

The ACT-SIP helps to make the community safe and welcoming for everyone. It does this by helping people who might be at risk of getting involved in harmful acts. We do this by offering support and guidance. This helps people to leave dangerous beliefs behind and find positive ways to be part of the community.

Advice and support

Visit www.steptogether.gov.au if you have concerns about someone. Here you will find advice on how to help them.

You can also call the national violent extremism information hotline. The hotline is available from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm on **1800 875 204.**

Otherwise, talk to ACT Policing's ACT-SIP team at **(02) 5126 9218.**

Who do I speak to if I am worried about someone in the ACT-SIP?

For safety or emergency concerns ring **000** or **131 444** and ask for Police.

If someone in the ACT-SIP is behaving in a harmful way, contact their case manager. Letting the team know when someone is struggling helps us give the right support. This way, the person can get the most out of the program and work towards a better life.

More information

If you have any questions about the program broadly, its administration or related activities in the ACT, please contact the ACT-SIP at

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ACT Support & Intervention Program

A safer path forward starts with connection.

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How does it work?

The ACT-SIP offers early, personal support. It helps direct people away from harmful thinking and acting, towards a more positive future. Each person's circumstances and strengths help to guide our approach. This might include:

- Help to build on the person's strengths
- Offering new ways of thinking that challenge harmful beliefs
- Support for things like mental health, and other personal challenges.
- Access to resources that make trying new things easier.
- Help to build a healthier, more positive life.

The program is available to anyone 10 years old or older. The program is voluntary, and participants can stop at any time. There are strict rules about keeping personal details private.

To make a referral

If you're concerned that someone you know is at risk of involvement in supporting violence, call ACT Policing's ACT-SIP team at **(02) 5126 9218.**

If it's an emergency, call for help on **000** or **131 444** and ask for Police.

What is the process to engage with ACT-SIP?

ACT Policing can receive a referral when actions suggest someone supports groups, agendas, or beliefs linked to violent acts. When this happens, the Police will work to understand the circumstances. The team will then assess if the ACT-SIP might be helpful. If it will, Police will ask the person, or their family, for permission to share information with the ACT-SIP. The Police do not stay involved once someone joins ACT-SIP, except when there are safety concerns.

ACT-SIP plans are different for each person. Depending on the need, we will work with social groups, health services, schools, police and justice services. We also include family and friends in the planning when we can. This helps to make sure everyone receives the right support.

What will happen if a person does not want to join ACT-SIP?

If someone doesn't want to join ACT-SIP, there are other types of help available. ACT Policing or another service may be able to assist. This is to make sure the person gets support, and the person and the community stay safe.

What is the benefit to the participant?

Being active in the community, going to school, working, and connecting with others helps people make good choices. It also helps to keep people away from harmful behaviours.

ACT-SIP helps people get involved in social groups, school, and work programs. We also support their health and wellbeing. This might mean helping with mental health, mentoring, or giving support to families. We will tailor each program to the person's needs.

What does being a participant involve?

If someone decides to join ACT-SIP, there are some things they must agree to:

1 **Taking Part in Case Management**

The person needs to meet with their case manager and support team regularly. These meetings are to talk about: how they are doing, any problems, their goals, and involvement in planned activities.

2 **Working with Service Providers**

The person must agree to work with other support services as part of their plan. This helps case managers track progress and find gaps. If there are gaps, we can then offer more support.

2 **Being respectful**

The person is to treat their case manager, other staff, and service providers with respect. We will not accept aggressive, violent or rude behaviour. Acting in this way may lead to removal from the program.

These rules help with positive life changes, including skills to connect with others in the community.

There is no set time for how long someone can be in the ACT-SIP. The support provided depends on what the person needs to reach their goals.