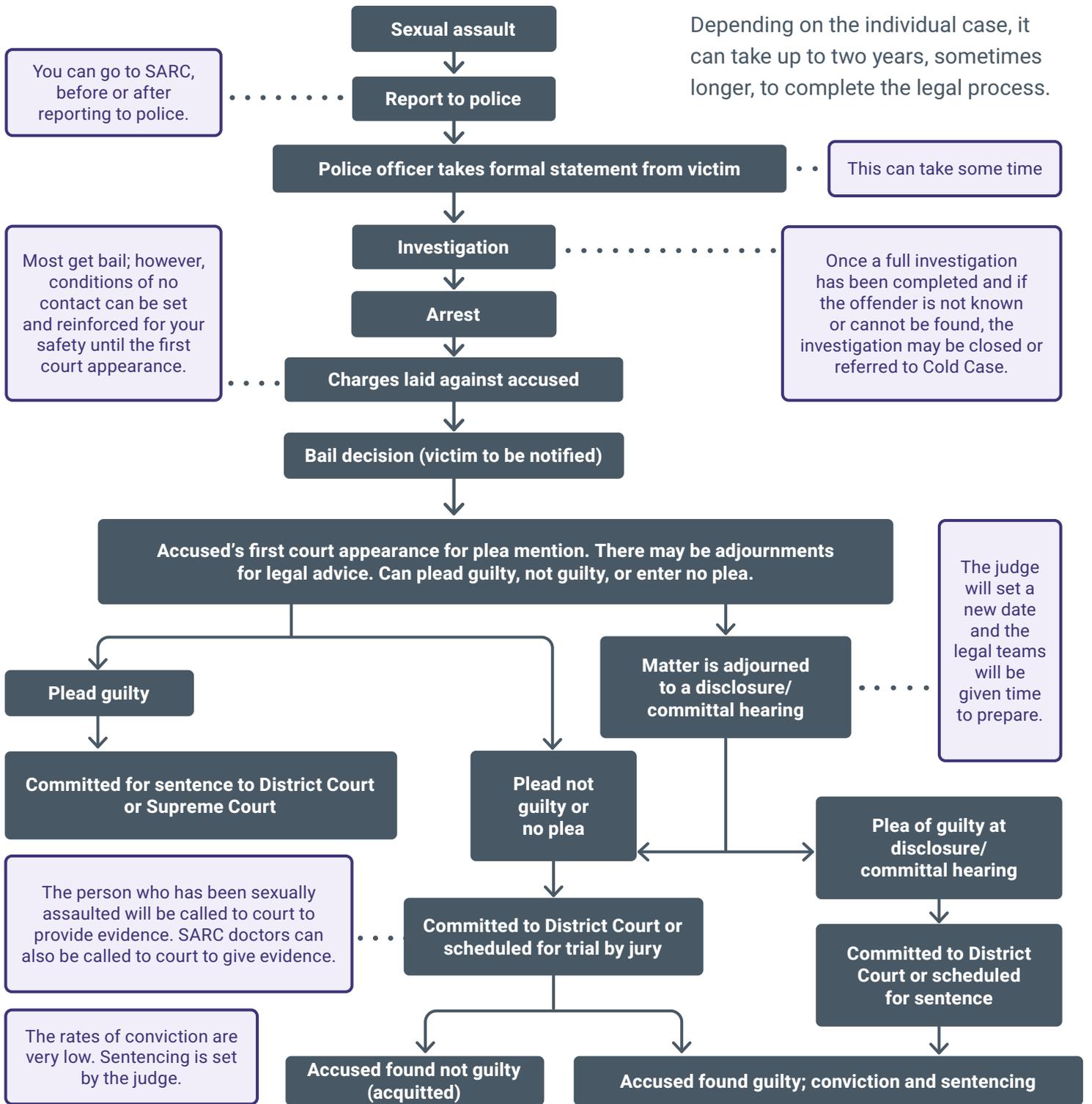




# Criminal proceedings flowchart



Depending on the individual case, it can take up to two years, sometimes longer, to complete the legal process.

You can go to SARC, before or after reporting to police.

This can take some time

Most get bail; however, conditions of no contact can be set and reinforced for your safety until the first court appearance.

Once a full investigation has been completed and if the offender is not known or cannot be found, the investigation may be closed or referred to Cold Case.

The judge will set a new date and the legal teams will be given time to prepare.

The person who has been sexually assaulted will be called to court to provide evidence. SARC doctors can also be called to court to give evidence.

The rates of conviction are very low. Sentencing is set by the judge.

**The Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC)** is a free 24-hour emergency service providing medical and counselling services for people who have experienced a recent (within 14 days) sexual assault. Counselling for any sexual assault/abuse experienced recently or in the past is also available to people of all genders aged 13 years and above. Call SARC on (08) 6458 1828 or Freecall 1800 199 888.

**Victim Support Service:** A free service available at all courts in WA to support victims of crime. Call **9425 2850** or **1800 818 988**. Refer to the website for further information