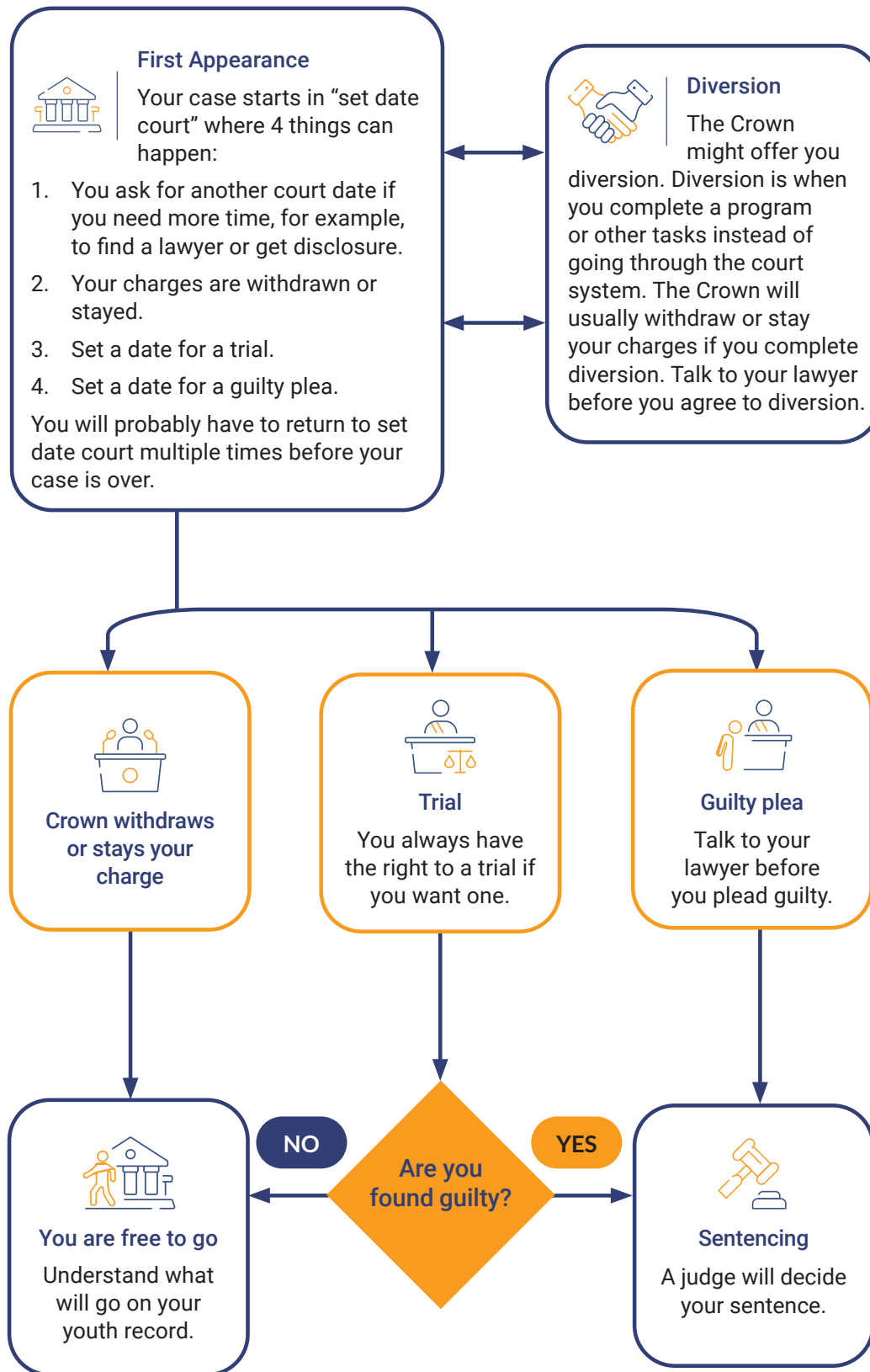


Criminal court process for youth aged 12-17



Withdrawn charges

The Crown must withdraw your charges if there is:

- ▶ not enough evidence, or
- ▶ no benefit to the public to continue your case.

Your lawyer can discuss this with the Crown.

Stayed charges

A stay means the Crown puts your charge on hold for one year. They can bring the charge back to court within one year, but not if one year has passed.

Youth records

You will have a youth record if you are charged, no matter what.

How long that record is accessible to others depends on the outcome of your case. After your record is sealed, no one will be able to see it, except in special circumstances.

Talk to your lawyer or duty counsel to find out more.

You can find more information about Youth Criminal Justice at stepstojustice.ca.