

Against the criminal laws of the state:

- It must be against an existing law
- It is a form of social control which citizens must conform
- You can't be charged retrospectively

Crimes against morality:

- Reflect our moral beliefs
- Morally wrong

Crimes are harmful to society:

- Some behaviour can be damaging or harmful
- Usually involves a victim
- Can be physical, emotional, psychological or financial

Punishable by the State:

- Investigated by the police
- Charged then taken to court
- Courts determine punishment

Criminal Law:

The **BURDEN OF PROOF** lies with the **PROSECUTION** (State, Director of Public Prosecution (D.P.P), the Police...)

The **STANDARD OF PROOF** is **beyond a reasonable doubt**

Age of Criminal Responsibility:

If they are under **10 years of age**, they are not liable.

10-14 - Know the difference between right and wrong

Participants in a Crime:

Principal offender - person who commits the crime

Accessory before the fact - helps to plan or encourage but not present at the crime

Principle in the second degree - present at the crime and assisting somehow

Accessory after the fact - helping the offender after the crime

Snowtown Murders:

John Justin Bunting - Principal Offender

James Spyridon Vlassakis - Principal Offender

Robert Joe Wagner - Principle in the second degree

Mark Ray Haydon - Accessory after the fact