

Name: _____

Date: _____

Court Fears & Worries

You may be asked to go to court to talk about what happened to you or what you saw or heard. This survey asks about different fears and worries that kids sometimes have about going to court. There are no right or wrong answers—we just want to know what you are thinking and feeling.

I am worried about...

	<u>No</u>	<u>A Little</u>	<u>A Lot</u>
1. Seeing _____ in the courtroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Crying or being upset in the courtroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Being in the witness box	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Being sent to jail myself	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Being hurt by _____ in the courtroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Being hurt by _____ outside the court building	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Not understanding the questions I'm asked in the courtroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. People not believing me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Having to describe what happened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Forgetting exactly what happened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Being asked questions by _____'s lawyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Seeing _____'s friends and family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. _____ going to jail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. _____ being found not guilty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Having people I know come to court to listen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Not having anyone I know come to court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. My family losing money or our home because of the case	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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18. Not understanding what I'm supposed to do in court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Having someone yell at me in the courtroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Feeling sick in the courtroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. _____ lying in court and being believed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Having strangers come to court to listen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Having my name in the news or on social media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Having my friends find out	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. _____ hurting me or coming after me when court is over	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26. _____ hurting or coming after my family when court is over	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. My family breaking up because of what I said in court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. Being taken away from _____ because of what I said in court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29. My mom or dad being mad at me because of what I said in court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30. My brother or sister being mad at me because of what I said in court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. _____ being mad at me because of what I said in court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. Someone I care about getting in trouble because of what I said in court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. Other fears or worries I have: _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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