Module 7

Criminal Law

Criminal Law is the standard of behavior that governs all people in our society. Its main purpose is to protect all citizens, keeping communities peaceful and safe by regulating our conduct. A person accused of committing a criminal offence is entitled to appear in a court of law to answer to the accusation. The Court must be satisfied that the person is guilty of the conduct that is, an offence detailed in the Criminal Code (Canada) has been committed – before punishing the person.