



## **Fitness to detain: health issues in police custody**

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### **Learning Objectives**

1. Background to healthcare in police custody
2. Legislative framework
3. Nature of health issues in custody
4. Health risk factors in custody
5. Minimising risks to health in police custody