



Easy Read Guide

Keeping children and young people safe guide



At Parent to Parent, we want to make sure everyone clearly understands what it means to keep children and young people safe. This guide is about what to do if you need to tell someone that you think a child or young person is not safe.

This guide has words that you may not know or understand.

We will try to explain them in a way to help you to understand.



What does protection mean?

- Protection means making sure children and young people are safe and happy.
- It's like a promise to keep them away from things that can hurt them or make them sad.



What are rights?

- Rights mean that it is ok to want to be safe, loved, and taken care of.
- It is not ok for another person to do anything to hurt you or make you feel bad.
- Children and young people have rights.



What is abuse?

- Abuse is when someone does something that hurts a child or young person.
- It could be hitting, saying mean things, or doing other things that make them feel scared.
- It's important to know that abuse is never okay.



Some of the signs that something is not ok

- Sometimes, children and young people are scared to say if something is wrong.
- Even if they don't say anything, there are often signs.
- If you see a child or young person who was happy but is now always sad and scared, or who has a lot of bruises, they might need your help.



Who can help?

If you think a child or young person is not safe, you can get help from a person that you trust.

You could talk to:

- your teacher
- your mum, dad or carer
- a trusted adult
- the police, if it is an emergency or very serious
- a child-protection hotline.



What does reporting mean?

- Reporting means telling someone if you are worried about yourself or a child or young person.
- You can report abuse by phoning or emailing or filling in a form online.
- If a child or young person is in danger of abuse, you can report it to the Police



Who should report?

- Keeping children and young people safe is everyone's job.
- We all need to look out for each other to make sure that all children and young people are safe.
- It is important to remember that it is okay and important to speak up if you think someone needs help.
- By reporting and looking out for each other, we can help to provide a safe and happy environment for all children and young people.

Additional information:

Police	000
Child Protection Hotline	1800 177 135
Kids Helpline	1800 55 1800

Contact Information

If you want to ask a question about this guide you can contact:

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) by sending an email to manager@p2pqld.org.au

