

The Reportable Conduct Scheme

Information for children



You have the right to feel safe and to be safe

Being safe means no one hurts you.

Feeling safe means you feel comfortable and trust the adults looking after you.

When you go to places like school, before or after school care, camp, the hospital, or to a place of worship (like a church, mosque or synagogue), the adults looking after you have to follow rules and keep you safe.



What are the rules for adults?

Adults are **not** allowed to:

- say or do anything that makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable
- touch you in a way that you don't like or that makes you feel uncomfortable
- hit you or hurt your body.

There are special rules called the Reportable Conduct Scheme

The Reportable Conduct Scheme says that the adults in charge have to:

- **listen to you** and find out what happened
- **keep you safe** and protected
- **tell the Commission** if an adult breaks the rules
- **take action** to keep you safe.





What happens if an adult breaks the rules?

If there is an emergency, or you or someone else is in danger, then call police on **Triple Zero (000)** immediately.

Or, **tell an adult you trust**. This might be a parent, carer, another adult in your family, a teacher, coach or any other adult that you trust. They can get help so that you can stay safe.



If they don't help you, tell another adult you trust or **contact us** at the Commission for information and assistance.

You can also call the **Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800** at any time for any reason.

What happens next?

After you tell an adult you trust, there are people whose job it is to find out what happened. They will ask questions so they can understand what happened.

- **Tell them everything you remember.**
- The person you talk to will probably write things down – that's so they can remember all the important things you tell them.
- If you don't know the answer to a question or you have forgotten, just say 'I don't know' or 'I don't remember.' **You won't get in trouble** if you don't know an answer.
- You can **ask questions** too, to help you understand what is happening.
- The adult who broke the rules won't be there when you answer questions.

After talking to you, the person asking questions might need to talk to other people. Adults in charge will then decide how to **keep you and other children safe**.

What is the Commission for Children and Young People?

The Commission for Children and Young People is a group of people whose job it is to help make sure that all children and young people are kept safe. We do our best to make sure that adults follow the rules.

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