Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Communities**

Easy Read

# How we make a safety plan with families



# About this book

Department of Communities
GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

This book is written by the Department of Communities. When you see the word **we** it means Communities or the Department.

Easy Read

This book is written so it is easy to read. The first time we use hard words we write them in **blue**. Then we explain what the word in **blue** means.



You can get someone to help you

- Read this book.
- Know what this book is about.



You can ask for more information from someone you trust.

# What is a family meeting?



We will want to meet with you and your family if we have **worries** about the safety of your child.



**Worries** are feelings we get when things do not seem right or we cannot stop thinking about them.



At the meeting we talk about how to keep your child safe and happy.



We listen.

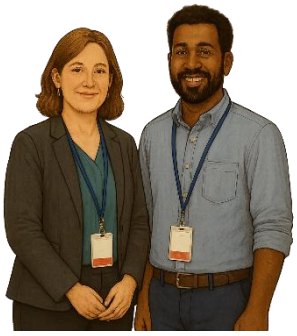


We plan together.

# Who comes to the meeting?



You and your family.



Child protection workers from the Department.



People who help your family.



People from your community.

# What happens at the meeting?



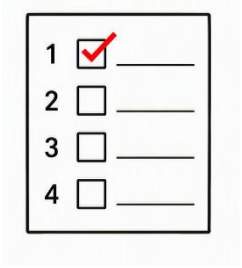
Everyone talks and listens about



- What is going well.



- What we are worried about.



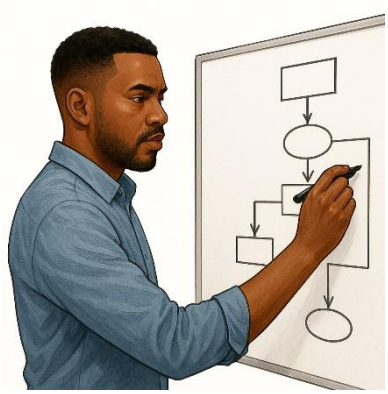

- What needs to happen.



We make a plan called a **safety plan**.

You will get a copy of the safety plan.

# What is a safety plan?



A safety plan says what needs to happen and who will help.



The plan helps keep your child safe.



Everyone agrees on the plan.

# Talking to your child



We want to hear what your child thinks.



Your child can come to the meeting if it is safe for them to come.



They can bring someone they trust.

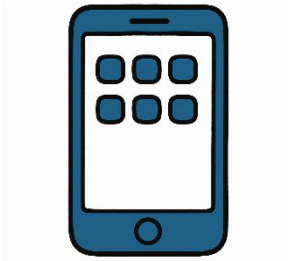


Your child can share their thoughts in other ways like drawing or writing.

# Contact us



If you have questions you can talk to us by phone.



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