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Department of **Communities**

Easy Read

Safety network

A group of people who can help to keep a child safe



About this book

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GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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



A **safety network** is a group of helpers or safe adults who can help keep a child safe.

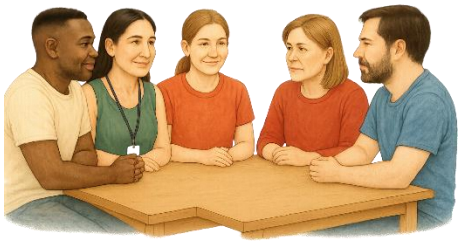


The safety network helps the child to stay safe, healthy and happy.



The safety network is made up of people that the child and parents trust.

Why do we need a safety network?



The safety network helps the parents.



The safety networks helps the child.



The safety network helps to make a **safety plan** for the child to stay safe.

What is a safety plan?



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



A safety plan helps keep children safe.



Every person in the safety network agrees on the plan.



The child will get a copy of the plan.

What happens when you join the safety network?



You might be asked to come to a meeting to talk about a safety plan.



At the meeting we will talk about **worries**.

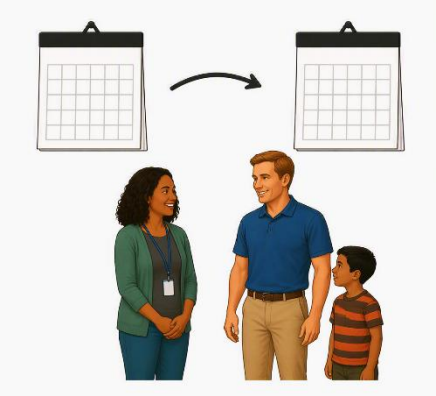
Worries are feelings we get when things do not seem right or we cannot stop thinking about them.



At the meeting we will talk about things that are working well.



You will help the family stick to the safety plan to make sure the child stays safe.



You will help the family and child
for as long as they need you.



You will talk and meet often with
the parents and other people in the safety
network.



You will try to understand the worries and
what needs to change.



You will check in with the child to make
sure they feel safe.



You will speak up if something goes wrong or does not feel right.



You will say what is working well.

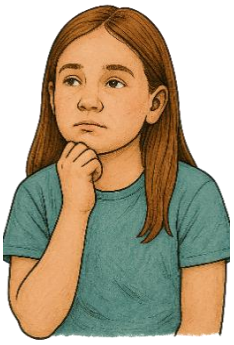


You will work with us to make sure every person sticks to the safety plan.



You will keep helping the family even after we stop working with them.

Talking to the child



We want to hear what the child thinks.



The child can come to the meeting if it is safe.



They can bring someone they trust.



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

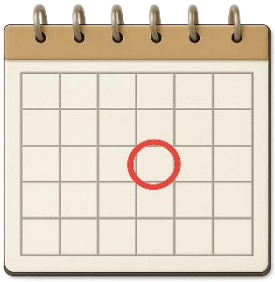
After the meeting



Every person in the safety network gets a copy of the safety plan.



We will check with every person about how things are going.



There may be more meetings to update the safety plan.



Contact us

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



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