

SAFE AT

SCHOOL

I DON'T FEEL SAFE... WHO SHOULD I TELL?

Families are all different. Sometimes what seems 'normal' in one family will not be 'normal' in another.

You may have noticed that when you visit a friend's house, or talk at school, they eat different foods, wear different clothes, or even talk differently to how you are used to at home.

At the same time all children have a right to be cared for in a home where they feel loved, accepted and safe.

While all families are different, there are some things that are never OK to happen to kids. Kids have a right to be safe.*



*Adapted from Kids Helpline https://kidshelpline.com.au/kids/tips/talkingabout-abuse/

WHO CAN I TALK TO IF I DON'T FEEL SAFE?

If you are worried about your own safety, or maybe the safety of a friend or someone you know, there are people you can talk to.

Tell a teacher or any adult you trust if you feel unsafe. That can be a parent or relative, or someone at your school. You may want to talk to more than one person.

The school has Chaplains whose jobs are to listen. You can go and talk to them anytime. If you can't find them or don't know who they are, you can ask at the Student Services window.

REASONS I MIGHT FEEL UNSAFE

- Someone is hurting me physically
- Someone is hurting me with words
- Someone is touching me where I am uncomfortable
- I am not being looked after



OTHER PLACES I CAN GO TO FOR HELP

Kids Helpline

For any time and for any reason - free, private and confidential phone and online help.

Phone: 1800 55 1800

Website: kidshelpline.com.au/kids/

Victorian Centres Against Sexual Assault

Victorian Centres Against Sexual Assault provide services to child and adult victims/survivors of sexual assault.

Emergency Line: 1800 806 292 **1800 RESPECT:** 1800 737 732

National Child Abuse Helpline

A number with access to advice from trained counsellors and an opportunity to speak up.

Phone: 1800 99 10 99

Email: helpline@childwise.org.au

Create Foundation

Creating a better life for children and young people in care.

Phone: 1800 655 105 Website: create.org.au

Youthlaw

Free and confidential legal advice

Phone: (03) 9611 2412

Email: legal@youthlaw.asn.au



BHCS CHILD SAFETY INITIATIVE

For queries and concerns, please contact one of the Child Safety Officers at BHCS

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