



Student Child Safety Information 2018

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Being safe, and what to do if something doesn't feel ok.

You have the right to be safe and free from abuse, including at school.

Schools and other child-related organisations have to follow laws to protect children in their organisations from abuse.

What is child abuse?

Child abuse includes:

- sexual or grooming offences
- physical violence
- serious emotional or psychological harm
- serious neglect

Who can I talk to about this?

If you are worried about child abuse, for you 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, a teacher, or someone at your school. You may want to talk to more than one person.

Useful links

There are services to help you if you feel unsafe.

[National Child Abuse Helpline \(Child Wise\)](#)

A toll-free number with access to expert advice from trained counsellors and an opportunity to speak up about child abuse.

[Kids Helpline](#)

For any time and for any reason - free, private and confidential phone and online counselling 24 hrs a day 7 days a week.

[Headspace \(National Youth Mental Health Foundation\)](#)

Headspace can help if you are aged 12 or over and you are going through a tough time. You can talk to someone at Headspace on the phone, online or in person. They also have a lot of information on their website.

[Victorian Centres Against Sexual Assault](#)

Victorian Centres Against Sexual Assault provide services to child and adult victims/survivors of sexual assault. The assault may have occurred recently or in the past.

[Create Foundation](#)

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

[Youthlaw](#)

Free and confidential legal advice.

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