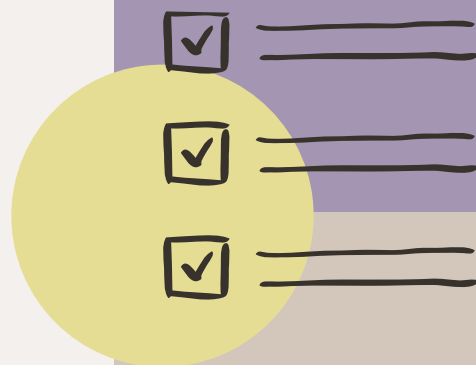


Making Tasmania safer for young people

In Tasmania, leaders have made a promise to do more to make sure that children and young people are safe.

This promise came after people who had been hurt, came forward and told other people what happened. This resulted in an investigation, called a Commission of Inquiry, that looked back from now to 22 years ago, and found that governments could have done more to protect and keep children and young people safe.

After this, the Government said the investigation showed mistakes were made. The Government wants to make sure no children and young people are hurt like this again.




What does this mean?

Whether you're at school or doing activities out of school like drama or dance or sport, or going to the doctor, the adults around you have rules they must follow to keep you safe.

- Children and young people in Tasmania have a voice and will be heard if they need to tell an adult if they don't feel safe.
- Children and young people who need it, will get help and protection.
- You can share your ideas on how the government can do things better to keep you safe.
- Every part of the government will work to better protect children and young people from harm.
- If something does happen, there are people trained ready to help right away, support you if you need it, and keep you and other people safe from anyone who has done the wrong thing.

The government has said they will do more to make sure every child and young person in Tasmania is safe and has help if they need it. To do this, they have promised:

- You can tell someone if something happens, without being worried or scared.
- There will be checks to make sure the government keeps its promise to protect children and young people.
- There's a website with lots of information - Keeping Children Safe:
 keepingchildrensafe.tas.gov.au
- More adults are being taught how to make sure they can help and protect children and young people, and make sure they can trust that they will be listened to, helped, and safe to tell their story.

These changes might take some time, but they will help keep children and young people in Tasmania safe and cared for.

What's being done?

The government has a plan to make sure every child in Tasmania feels safe and supported. This plan includes:

Listening to you

Children and young people will be heard.



Help and protection

If you're in trouble or feel unsafe, there are people ready to help and protect you.



Your ideas matter

You can share your thoughts on how to make things safer for children and young people.



Preventing harm

Every part of the government is working to protect children and young people.



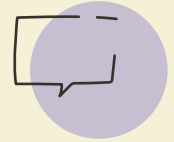
Immediate help

If something does happen, there are special helpers to support you quickly and keep you safe.



Safe to speak up

You can tell someone about any harm without being afraid.



Checking on promises


There will be checks to ensure the government is keeping its promise to protect children and young people.



More information

The Keeping Children Safe website has all the information you need.



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Training adults

More adults are learning how to help and protect children and young people, making sure children and young people feel listened to and safe.



Making Changes

It might take a little time to see all these changes, but they're all about making sure you and other children and young people in Tasmania are safe and well-cared for.