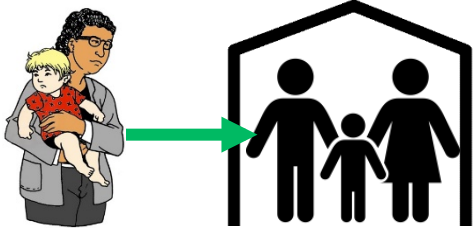


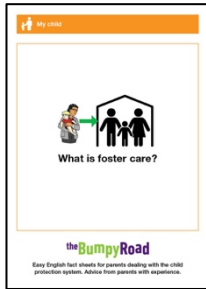
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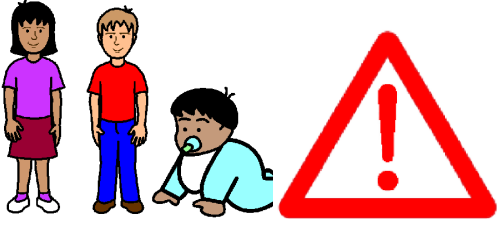


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What is **foster care**?



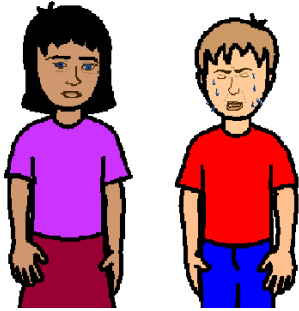
You worry about your child.



You worry

- your child is **not** safe

or



- your child is very sad

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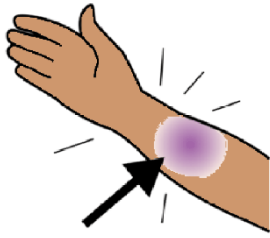


- something bad **will** happen to your child

or



- something bad **has** happened to your child.



You may worry about

- some thing on your childs body. Like bruises.
- some thing your child said about the foster home.



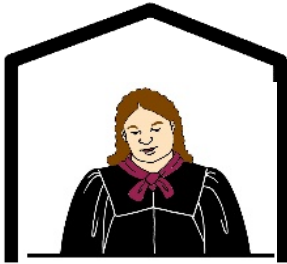
You may worry your child

- has seen some one they must not see.
Like your step son
- is **not** cared for. Like they are dirty all the time.

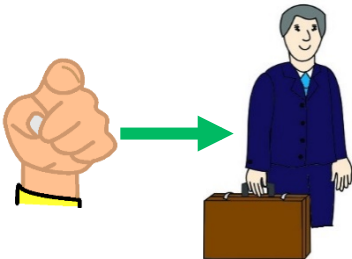
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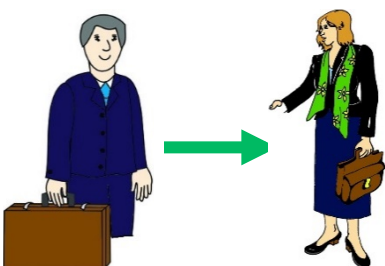
What can you do?



Your Court case is still on.

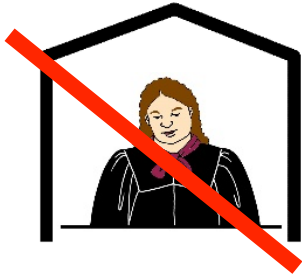


Talk to your lawyer.

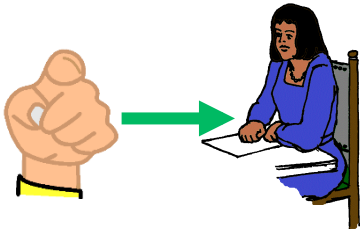


Your lawyer will talk to the
Community Services lawyer.

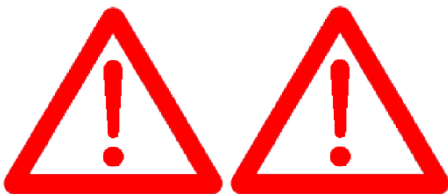
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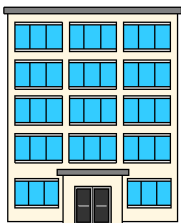
Your Court case is done.



Tell your case worker.



You think your child is in big danger.



Call the Community Services help line

Call 132 111.

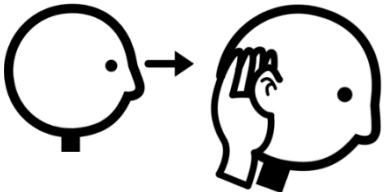
or



Call police

Call 000.

You need to tell them



- why you think your child is **not** safe

- what you saw

or

- what your child said.



Take some one to help talk to them.



Ask for

- an advocate
- support person
- lawyer.

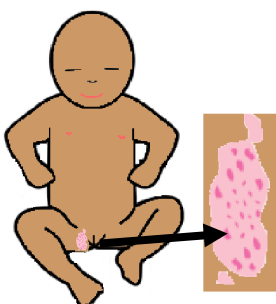


You can complain.



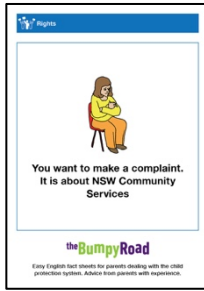
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But



It is **not** a big danger.

Like your child has a nappy rash.



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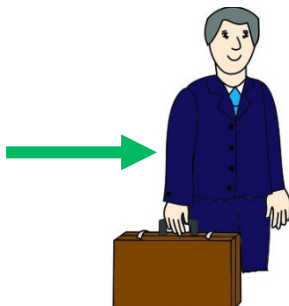
You want to make a complaint.

It is about NSW Community Services.

Use the steps in this fact sheet.



More information



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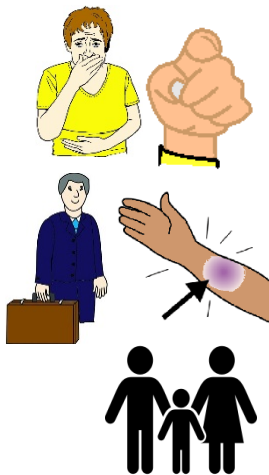


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