

“What can I do?”

If you think a child has been abused or neglected, you must ring your local child protection authority or the police.

But in order to help **prevent** getting to such a tragic situation in the first place, there are lots of things you can do to help protect children. The following tips are not definitive or exhaustive, but are a good start.

Local communities: keep building a child-friendly Australia!

1. Community organisations - offer practical assistance to families in the neighbourhood and check that everything you do is parent-friendly (e.g. flexible hours, offering child care, helping with transport).
2. Local councils – provide services for children (e.g. parks, libraries, public toilets, safe streets, parent-friendly parking, safe bike paths, cultural and social events such as family fun days or sports carnivals) and provide resources for parents (e.g. playgroup and parenting courses).
3. Schools - be a community hub that offers learning environments and support for parents as well as children.