

## Laws related to families



### Family Law

- Includes important topics such as **marriage/divorce, children, family violence**



### Home alone

- In Australia, when someone under age 18 (including older siblings) cares for younger children, parents may be held responsible if something goes wrong
- No actual law stating age when children can be left alone.



### Parenting and Child Discipline

- In Australia, the law says that people including parents cannot beat children.
- Someone might report you to the Police or Child Protection Services NSW if you beat children.
- For Parenting & child care information call Parent Line NSW 1300 1300 52, [www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au) or [www.mychild.gov.au](http://www.mychild.gov.au)



### Family Violence

- In Australia, **everyone has the right to be safe at home** (women, men, children). The law protects people from harm.
- Include: verbal, physical, emotional, financial and sexual
- For help call **000** or **Domestic Violence** 24 hour helpline **1800 656 463**
- Call TIS 13 14 50 if you need interpreter