

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 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 Safety Services if you beat children.
- For parenting information call parentline (QLD & NT) 1300 30 1300 www.parentline.com.au or www.raisingchildren.net.au

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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