

Laws related to families



Family Law

Includes important topics such as:

- **marriage and divorce**
- **children and parenting**
- **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, beating children is against the law.
- Someone may report you to the Police or Child Protection if you beat children.
- For parenting information call Parentline Victoria 132 289, or go to www.raisingchildren.net.au



Family Violence

- In Australia, the law protects **everyone to be safe at home** (women, men, & children).
- Family violence: 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