

Laws related to families



Family Law

Includes important topics such as

- Marriage
- Separation and divorce
- Children and separation
- Family violence
- Caring for children



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.

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Parenting and Child Discipline

- Australia law says parents have the right to discipline children. However, parents must not hurt children through discipline such as beating.
- Someone might report you to the Police or child safety authorities if you beat children.
- For parenting information call **Raising Children** (02) 6287 3833
<http://parentlineact.org.au/> or www.raisingchildren.net.au



Family Violence

- In Australia, **everyone has the right to be safe at home** (women, men, children). The law protects people from family violence.
- Include: verbal, physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, financial, social, stalking, technological, cultural/spiritual
- For help call **000** or **Domestic Violence** 24 hour helpline **1800 656 463**
- Call TIS 13 14 50 if you need interpreting service