

Laws related to families



Family Law

Includes important topics such as

- **Family violence**
- **Separation and divorce**
- **Restraining orders**
- **Child protection**



Home alone

- There is no one law in Australia that says how old children must be before you can leave them home alone.
- Even if your child is OK to be home alone, you are still responsible for their safety.

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Parenting and Child Discipline

- Parenting and raising children in a new country with different culture can be challenging.
- Australia law says parents have the right to discipline children but must not hurt children through discipline such as “smacking”.
- For parenting tips and information, you can go to:
<https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Healthy-living/Parenting> or
<https://raisingchildren.net.au/for-professionals/working-with-parents/cultural-diversity>



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