

Wild Rumpus Community Services reports and reasonable concerns of neglect or abuse to Child Protection. We make a report if we have:

- received a disclosure from a child about abuse or neglect
- observed indicators of abuse or neglect
- been made aware of possible harm via our support or in the community external to our professional role.

Step 1: Responding to concerns

Determine the course of action:

- **Go to Step 4** - If your concerns relate to a child in need of immediate protection; or you have formed a belief that a child is at significant risk of harm
- **Go to Step 3** - If you have significant concerns that a child and their family need a referral to Child FIRST for family services.
- **Go to Step 2** - In all other situations

Step 2: Forming a belief on reasonable grounds

Consider the level of immediate danger to the child.

- **Go to Step 4** - If you answer yes to the following questions:
 - Have I formed a belief that the child has suffered or is at risk of suffering significant harm?
 - Am I in doubt about the child's safety and the parent's ability to protect the child?
- **Go to Step 3** - If you have significant concerns that a child and their family need a referral to Child FIRST for family services.

Step 3 - Making a referral to Child FIRST Child Wellbeing Referral

Contact the Geelong Child FIRST provider on 1300 551 948

Have notes ready with your observations and child and family details.

Step 4 - Make a report to Child Protection

Contact Barwon DHS- Child Protection Intake provider immediately on 1800 075 599.

For After Hours Child Protection Emergency Services, call 131 278.

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Wild Rumpus support staff to keep detailed notes of disclosures and observations, and discuss matters with other Wild Rumpus support workers to ensure best possible outcomes for the child/young person.