





Incident Reporting – Risk of Harm Disclosures/Reasonable Grounds






- A child tells someone that they have been or are at risk of being abused,
- Someone else reveals that they know of a child who has been or is at risk of being abused
- Someone has concerns that the child may have been or is at risk of being abused based on their physical appearance or behaviour


DO LISTEN, KEEP IT BRIEF, REASSURE, INFORM
DON'T DO NOT INVESTIGATE THE DISCLOSURE, DO NOT DISMISS THIS, DO NOT MAKE PROMISES, DO NOT SHARE




Report to the Safe Church Reporting Officer. If they are not onsite – report immediately to your Team Leader.


Complete an Incident Report. You may need help from the SCRO. Describe why you have reasonable grounds for the report; how you became aware of the information; names of other witnesses; description of any injuries; description of the child's behaviour; the carer response attitude regarding the incident (if known). Where disclosure has occurred, provide a first person verbatim. Record the child's actual words as best you can.



As you continue to *nurture* and *minister* to the child: Create a calm environment, engage in appropriate relationships, continue to include the child, provide an ordered program, assist appropriate behaviours, focus attention on the safe space



Debrief by verbally and emotionally, "unloading" your feelings about receiving a disclosure or witnessing abuse with your Safe Church Reporting Officer



Pray that God will guide the situation, for wisdom, and for peace. Be assured that if further information is required, you will be contacted.