## COPING AS A PARENT

Your child has been hurt by violence.



You hear that your child has been hurt by someone. It was sexual hurt.



## You may feel

shocked
 You did not know about the hurt.



## angry This is bad. You did not want this to happen to your child.



## • guilty You think you may have let your child down.



### You may also feel

confused
 What do I need to do?
 The bad person did not go to jail.



## sad You are sad for your child and for you. You may think you can not trust people any more.



## You may worry

- What will other people think about me and my child?
- What will happen to me and my child?



#### What you can do to help your self

Make short and easy plans.

Plan to do 1 thing today.



#### Ask for help if you can not do it.



### Get help

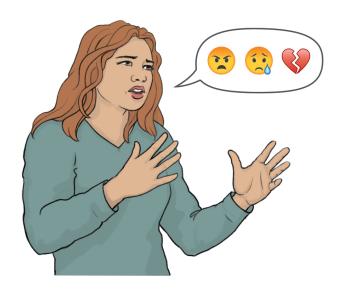
#### You can talk to

- A counsellor
- Other parents who have had the same thing happen to their child.



#### Talk about

Your feelings



How to cope



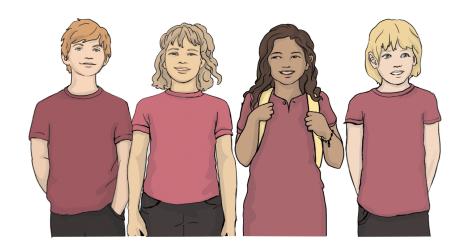
### Be with other people.



See people who are **not** part of your child's hurt.



## Some people do **not** need to know about your child's hurt. Do not tell them.



Try to keep some things the same for you and your child.

#### Like

Going to school



• Meal time, bath time, bed time, play time



· Have friends visit



#### Visit Family

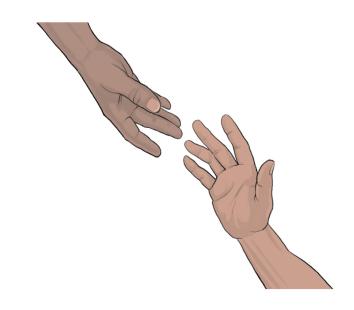


### Remember

You may feel alone



#### Get help.



Talk to others. You are not alone. Other people can help.



#### Places you can go to for help

If you are in danger and it is an emergency call the police 000



If you need to talk to the police and it is not an emergency you can call the police advice line 131 444



Or you can visit any Police station to ask for help

#### How to contact the eSafety Commissioner

## You can make a report online at <a href="https://www.esafety.gov.au/">https://www.esafety.gov.au/</a>



If you need someone to help you make a report to the eSafety Commissioner you can ask for an advocate to help you. You can find support at

https://askizzy.org.au/



## If you need crisis support you can talk to someone at Lifeline call 13 11 14

https://www.lifeline.org.au/



## If you need counselling support for sexual or domestic violence you can call 1800RESPECT 1800 737 732

https://www.1800respect.org.au/



#### First People's Disability Network Australia

First Peoples Disability Network Australia (fpdn) is a national human rights organisation of and for Australia's First Peoples with disability, their families and communities.

You can call them on 02 9267 4195

https://fpdn.org.au/



#### **Australian Human Rights Commission**

Australian Human Rights Commission has a list of disability legal and advocacy services You can call them on 1300 369 711

https://humanrights.gov.au/



# If you need legal help you can contact **IDRS** this is a free legal service for people with intellectual disability or cognitive impairment You can call them on 02 9265 6300

https://idrs.org.au/



## If you need help with English you can call the TIS Translating and Interpreter Service Call 131450

https://www.tisnational.gov.au/



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