

# STEPS FOR REPORTING SUSPECTED OR ACTUAL CHILD ABUSE

## CHILD ABUSE IS EITHER SUSPECTED OR DISCLOSED

Ensure the child or young person is safe from immediate harm.



### LISTEN

- Listen carefully to what the child is saying **DO NOT** interview the child or ask too many questions, ask the very basics i.e. Who/when?
- Once you have ascertained the basics **DO NOT** question them further. Document what the child has said, include time, date and who was present so you can pass this information to authorities as soon as possible.
- Report your concern to the PU Child Protection Advisor.



### HOW TO REPORT YOUR CONCERN

- If you ever think a person is in immediate danger, call the Police (111).
- Advise Ministry of Vulnerable Children (Oranga Tamariki) on 0508 FAMILY (0505 326 459) or Police promptly when a disclosure is made.



### POLICE

- The Police have a dedicated team of investigators who focus on Child Protection in all 12 Districts.
- Deciding when and who will inform the parent(s) and/or caregiver will be determined by Oranga Tamariki and Police in consultation with the PU Child Protection Advisor. Report early so there is time to consider what's best for the child.
- Police and Oranga Tamariki will arrange interviews of the children.
- **DO NOT** conduct an investigation of your own before making a report of concern.

THE CHILD PROTECTION ADVISOR FOR

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IS (NAME) .....

