



## Reporting Child Abuse

### What gets reported?

A report should be made to Community Services if you suspect that a child or young person is at risk of significant harm. This means you have current concerns for the safety, welfare or wellbeing of a child or young person. You don't have to be certain, you only need to make sure your concerns are well founded and based on information you know or have from a reliable source.

A child or young person is at risk of significant harm if the circumstances that are causing concern for the safety, welfare or well being of the child or young person are present to a significant extent.

### Who is required to report?

#### **A child or young person in a life-threatening situation**

If you believe a child is in immediate danger or in a life-threatening situation, contact the NSW Police immediately by dialling **000**.

#### **A child or young person is at risk of significant harm**

Anyone (regardless of whether they are mandatory reporters required to do so by law) who suspects, on reasonable grounds, that a child or young person is at risk of significant harm *should* report it to the Child Protection Helpline on **132 111** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**In NSW, individuals working within sporting or recreation organisations are not mandatory reporters** (i.e. they are not required by law to report suspicions of a child at significant risk of harm).

**Byron Bay Basketball Association** is a child safe organisation and inducts staff to use common sense and discretion to report child abuse to the organisation's nominated Child Protection Officer or to use the guidelines stated above.