

## Safety Network

A Safety Network is made up of the people in your life that are important to you like grandparents, aunties, uncles and close friends who will be part of the safety network with you.

## Safety Plan

A Safety Plan describes who from the Safety Network will do what to make sure you are always safe.

All of the people in the Network will know about the Safety Plan and who needs to do what, if things ever get tough at home again.

The Safety Network will meet regularly to see how the plan is progressing until everyone is happy that the safety goals have been reached and the case can be closed.



If you are not happy with  
or have a worry about  
your social worker,  
you can talk to them  
or to their team leader.

Social Worker's Name:

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Tel No:

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Team Leader's Name:

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Tel No:

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## Information Leaflet for Young People

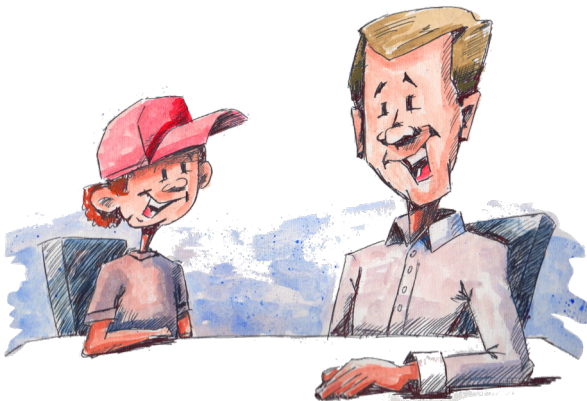


## What do Social Workers Do?

Social workers work with children, young people and their families when there is a worry that a child or young person has been harmed, may not be safe or is not being cared for.

Social workers work with families using the Signs of Safety assessment framework. The framework uses mappings, scaling questions, danger statements, safety goals, safety plans and safety networks. This leaflet explains what they mean and what will happen.

If there is a worry, a social worker will need to get a picture of what life is like for you and your family. To do this, they will need to speak to all of the important people in your life, such as you, your brothers and sisters, your mum and dad and other family members. They may also speak to people who are very close to you and people that know you and your family well, like teachers, doctors and nurses.



## What Will Happen?

Your social worker wants to meet with you so that they can listen and talk with you about the good things at home and things that cause you to worry. This will help them make sure you are involved and have a say in decisions and plans about the future.

Talking to children and young people is at the centre of social work. Your social worker will want to make sure your views and the views of your mum, dad, carers and extended family (or close family friends) have been heard and are part of the solution.

Working with families is about everyone working together to make a plan about what needs to happen to make sure you are always safe, even when things get tough at home.

When your social worker talks to you, they will ask lots of questions to help you think about different things in your life. They will want to know about everything that's good in your life, in your family, with your friends and in your community that help you feel happy and safe. They will also ask questions to help you think about the things that worry you, make you sad or scared in your family, at school or in your community.



## Danger Statement

Your social worker will work with you and your mum and dad to write a Danger Statement. A Danger Statement describes what it is we are most worried might happen to you if nothing changes. The Danger Statement will be matched with a Safety Goal.

## Safety Goal

A Safety Goal describes the things that need to happen to make sure you are always safe, even when life gets tough.

## Scaling Questions

One of the most important questions they will ask will be a scaling question. This question helps everyone understand how happy, sad or worried you are and why. Below is an example of scaling questions.

*On a scale of 0-10 where 10 is (even if things are sometimes tough in your family) there is always someone who will look out for you and keep you safe even during the hard times. Where 0 is you feel like things are always tough and you don't know who to ask for help or how to make things better. Where are you on that scale today?*

This helps everyone to work together and make a plan about what needs to change to make sure that you are always safe.

