

Safe Homes

We'll learn about:

- Family rules
- Rights and responsibilities of parents
- Rights and responsibilities of children
- Laws about violence in the home
- Where to get help

Key Words

| Word | Meaning | Write a sentence with the key word |
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| boundaries | A line which marks the edge or limit. <i>His parents set very firm boundaries about when he should come home.</i> | |
| confidential | kept secret <i>'The advice that we give is completely confidential and we don't tell anyone' said the lawyer.</i> | |
| discipline | train someone to follow rules, and correct or punish them if they don't follow a rule <i>Her parents gave firm discipline. She was not allowed to visit her friends for two weeks.</i> | |
| domestic | relating to home, family <i>It was a domestic problem that needed to be discussed.</i> | |
| entitled | have a right to, deserving of special treatment <i>He believed that he was entitled to do what he wanted because he was a man.</i> | |
| intimidate intimidation | frighten, menace, scare <i>He pointed angrily and shouted to intimidate her.</i> | |
| respect | to admire or value someone <i>He showed respect by listening to the young person and hearing the whole story.</i> | |
| threat | words or actions which show you want to hurt someone <i>He raised his fist. It was a clear threat.</i> | |
| trust | believe in <i>I could trust that she would always listen to me and give me good advice.</i> | |

Family Rules

List some rules that would make a happy family. Why are these good rules?

computers

loving

boundaries

responsibly

involved

care for

Discipline

18

safe

clearly

friends

The law says parents must feed, clothe, house and _____.

Their children until they turn 18. They must make sure their children go to school.

Parents can set rules or _____ for their children.

_____ means to train someone to follow rules and punish them if they don't follow the rules.

The law says parents can discipline their children. For example, they can stop their children using their _____ or visiting _____ if they don't follow the rules.

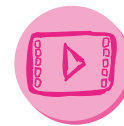
But the law says the discipline must not be so harsh that it harms the child. Homes should be _____.

Parents should be _____ but firm with their children. Parent's discipline should be consistent and _____ explained to their children.

At home as children get older they may be allowed to be more _____ in decisions and the parent's role may become more about giving advice.

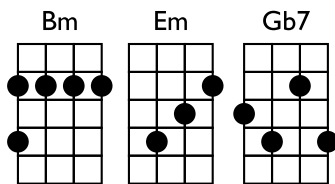
As children get older the law gives them more rights and freedoms. But freedoms should be exercised _____. For example, the law says at 18 you can buy cigarettes but it doesn't mean you should smoke.

Family Violence



Storms

Ukulele



Listen closely to the song.

What are the key messages?

Analyse the music.

Learn to play it on ukulele.

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Sailing together in the intimacy,
of a relationship _____ is the key.
But when storms come around then life gets rough
Staying _____ can be really tough

Conflict is natural but can be sorted out
By _____ about our fears and doubts
By giving and being _____, and loving again
and never stop respecting even when love brings pain

But when love and _____ are broken - and so is respect
In icy cold water, relationship's wrecked
Storms are all around and life gets really tough
Where's the _____ when you've had enough of

Violence is violence is against the law
It's hitting, it's punching and it's so much more
It's threats It's control and _____
Family Violence is a _____ will you leave this time?

When you need to be rescued, when you're drowning alone,
in this deep dark ocean of _____ in the home
But you're still in love and can't work it out
Where do you go to sort your _____ and doubts

Talk to _____ and counsellors and legal aid
There's free _____ to go to if it's not safe to stay
_____ they must help you, Magistrates too
when family violence is threatening you .

love

lifeboat

fears

equal

Police

trust

violence

talking

crime

friends

shelters

afloat

intimidation



What are some of the most important points the song makes?

Safe homes

fear

danger

harms

injury

trusted

Everyone has a right to be safe and not live in _____. If parents hit or treat their children in a way that _____ them, it could be against the law.

For example, hitting can cause _____ and could be **'child abuse'**. This could lead to action by the government Child Safety department or the police.

Everyone should stand up against abuse but we need to be careful and not put ourselves in _____ if possible. Get help.

Get help from _____ adults or free services like 'Kids Help Line' or Lifeline.

home

law

threats

safe

free

violence

Violence in the _____ is against the law. It is called family or domestic _____. It is very serious and the police and courts get involved.

Hitting your spouse or partner is violence and is against the _____.

But domestic violence can also be other things like damaging property or making _____ which makes a person live in fear. This is also violence.

There are _____ places to go (shelters) to escape family violence and _____ advice services.

Most domestic and family violence is by men. Research shows a lot of this is done by men to believe men should be able to dominate women. It's sometimes called 'male entitlement' or 'toxic masculinity'. Sometimes the violence is because of anger and learning to manage anger is an important skill to learn. But the need to change attitudes about 'male entitlement or superiority' and to support gender equality is highly important.

Getting Help

Legal Aid and other services give free confidential advice about domestic and family violence.

'CONFIDENTIAL' means:



'Kids Helpline' Rap

No problem too big, no problem too small,
Got worries? Give Kids Helpline a call.
If you're under 25, 1800 55 1800 Uhh
is the number to dial to get support for a while
1800 55 1800

DV Helpline Rap

1800 737 732
Domestic violence Helpline can help you
1800 RESPECT is what you should get
No excuse for abuse, so connect
to 1800 737 732

Mens Line Rap

1300 78 99 78
Mens Line can help you out mate
1300 78 99 79
So don't cross the line. Don't you cross the line mate.



How to help

What if a friend told you that they hear shouting from the adults in the house next door, and that the Mum and children from the house often look sad?

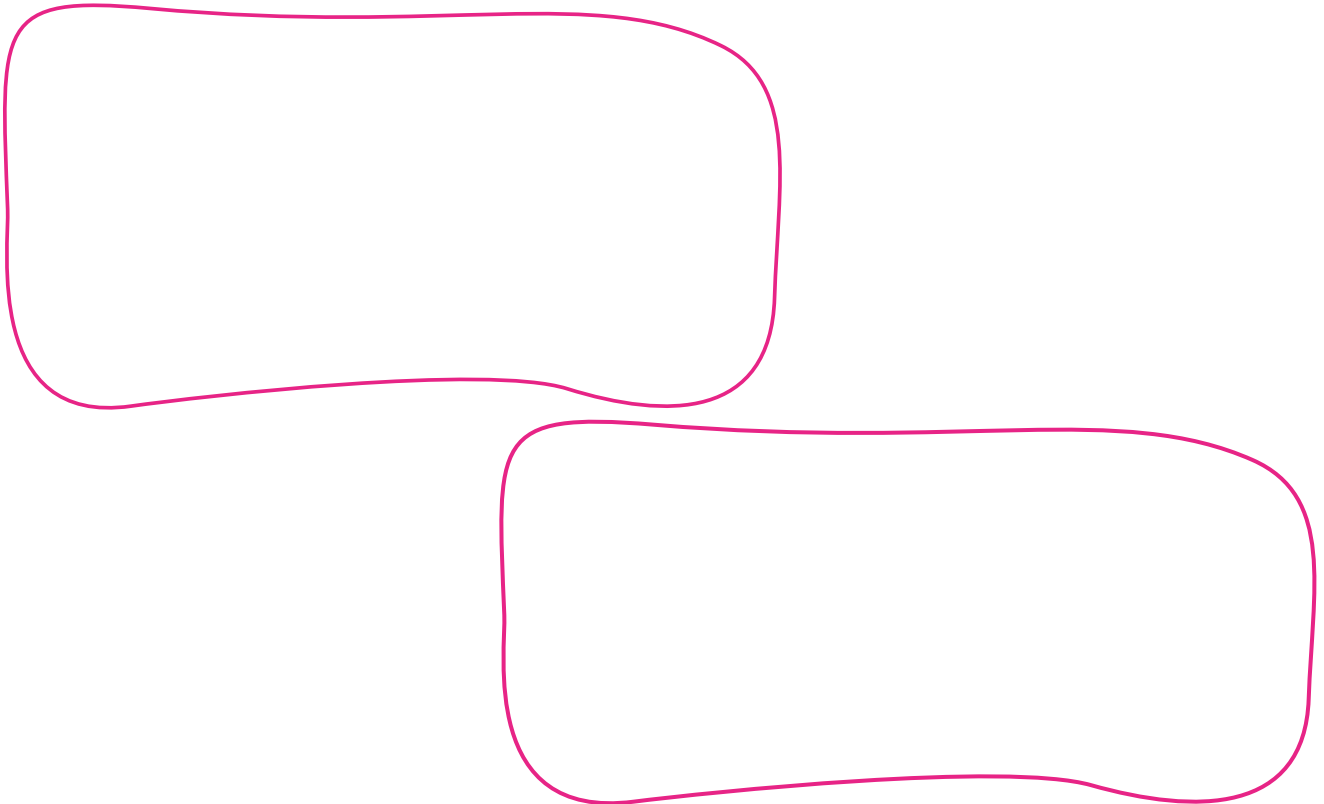


What could you say to your friend to help? What if the shouting was coming from your own neighbour's house? What would you do?

Rap a Snapshot

Rap, tap, drum, hum, sing out a tune. Write a rap message, get on to it soon as you can, form an 'air band' plan a play, show and say, give a way we all can recall, what we learnt today.

Write / sketch your ideas?



Play with the key messages from the Module. Say them out loud, put a rhythm to the sentences, add beatbox, dance and rhyme sometime!