



Department of Child Safety,
Seniors and Disability Services

Independent Person

Helping Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander children
and young people have their say



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You have a right to be safe —
at home, in your community or
wherever you are.

It's our job to help make sure you
are safe.

If we are worried about your safety,
we will talk to you about what is
happening and how to keep you safe.





You can tell us what makes you happy
and what makes you sad or scared.

You can let us know what you think
when decisions need to be made
about keeping you safe.

We will listen to you.



Sometimes it can be hard to say what you are feeling.

Having someone you trust with you and who knows about your family and culture can help you tell us what you need to be safe.

We call this person an independent person.

This could be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person like your aunty, uncle, grandparent, family friend or someone you know in your community.



They will help you feel strong and brave and help us understand what you want to say.





Your Child Safety Officer will talk with you about having an independent person.

