



# Independent Person

Information for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people

Everybody has a right to be safe — at home, at school, wherever you are. Sometimes, Child Safety worries about your safety.

You can tell Child Safety what you think.



You can have someone help you have your say. That person is your Independent Person.

You can ask your Child Safety Officer about having an Independent Person if you don't have one.



## How can an Independent Person help me

Your Independent Person can help you feel strong and brave so you can tell your story.



Your Independent Person can help you tell Child Safety about what you want.



## Who can be my Independent Person

Someone who you think could help, like an Aunty, Uncle, Grandparent or family friend.



Someone who knows about your culture.



## When can my Independent Person help me

When people are talking about how to keep you safe.



When your family and Child Safety make plans so you can stay in touch with the people who are important to you and your culture.



When your family and Child Safety are thinking about who you will live with, and where you will live, so you will be safe.



Any time you want your Independent Person to help you have your say.





## An Independent Person is:



- An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
- A person who knows you and your culture
- Someone you trust
- A person who can help you say what you want

For more information:

- Talk to your Child Safety Officer
- Go to the website: [www.qld.gov.au/independentperson](http://www.qld.gov.au/independentperson)
- Look at the information section of Kicbox

