

WHO DO I CONTACT?

NCSA Courtworker: 1-780-451-4002

Social Services Response Team (Crisis 24/7) 1-800-638-0715 (toll free)

Legal Aid Alberta: 1-866-845-3425 (toll free)

211 Edmonton (dial 211 to connect with Alberta services)

Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-387-5437 (toll free)

Emergencies (Police & Ambulance): 911

Calgary Police Service 403-266-1234

Edmonton Police Service 780-423-4567

Local RCMP detachments:

www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ab/det-eng.htm

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CHILD APPREHENSION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



A PARENT OR GUARDIAN HAS RIGHTS. WHAT TO EXPECT:

- **You have the right to know what is happening.** You will be told if your child has been apprehended either verbally or in writing. You will also be told the reasons why your child has been apprehended.
- **You have the right to consult a lawyer** and should contact one immediately if your child has been apprehended. You might find it helpful to involve an advocate such as a courtworker or other support such as a family member or friend.
- **You have a right to be in court and be involved in the planning for your child.**

- **You have the right to speak to a lawyer to find out if a decision can be reviewed or appealed.**

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- **You may be able to visit your child.** You should create safety for your child by having healthy visits with them.
- **You can ask for a Family Group Conference.**
- **You can identify safe placement alternatives for your child.** Safe placement for your child might be with immediate or extended family, a friend, or another safe person. Tell your caseworker of these alternatives for your child.