

Emergency care

Information for young people
May 2020

Attachment: copy of protection application

A child protection practitioner, who is a protective intervener from the Department of Health and Human Services, believes that you are in need of protection and has placed you in emergency care under section 241 of the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*. The application attached outlines the grounds for this decision. As a result, a Children's Court magistrate will now consider your situation.

Emergency care contact details

The information below gives you some important details.

- The child protection practitioner is _____
 - Their job is _____
 - Their work address and telephone number is _____
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- The child protection practitioner is employed by the Department of Health and Human Services.
 - If you wish to speak to someone about what has happened, you may call the child protection practitioner, or, if it is outside office hours, you may contact the After Hours Child Protection Emergency Service on 13 12 78.

What happens next?

The initial court hearing will be held on

Date: _____ Time: _____

at: _____

(Court name)

- You are not required to attend the hearing or participate remotely unless you wish to do so. Talk to the child protection practitioner about whether you want to be part of the hearing or not. They can give you information to help you decide.
- You are entitled to be legally represented at the hearing. Child Protection will arrange for you to talk to a legal representative before the hearing. You can apply for legal aid directly from Victorian Legal Aid or through your own solicitor. For further information you can talk to Victoria Legal Aid on (03) 9269 0234.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Protective intervener

Date: _____