

# Plan to Protect®

## Entrusting Your Children into The Care of Others

As a parent, identifying safe places for your children and entrusting children into the care of others is both your right and your responsibility.

Possible questions to ask programs your children are enrolled in:

1. Ask for a copy of abuse prevention \_\_\_\_\_ - ensure that they are being followed and are up-to-date.
2. Ask institution leaders if there are any \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of abuse.
3. Ask administration how they respond to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Ask how often an audit or assessment is done on the facility to ensure a safe environment.
5. Ask what the \_\_\_\_\_ process is in place for staff and volunteers.
6. Ask for a tour of the complete \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Visit when \_\_\_\_\_ are in care.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ the caregivers, the environment, and the children.
9. Ask about supervision \_\_\_\_\_ and how \_\_\_\_\_ is handled.

How do I continue to ensure my child is safe?

1. Ongoing monitoring
2. Offer to review and develop abuse prevention \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Affirm and recognize \_\_\_\_\_ care and \_\_\_\_\_ efforts.

### What do I do if I suspect abuse?

Each province and territory in Canada has its own legislation with respect to child abuse and a 'child in need of protection.'

They all address neglect, physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect.

Each province and territory addresses:

- the age of a child who entitled to protection under the law,
- the duty to report (as immediate, direct, and on-going),
- confidentiality, and
- failure to report.

