

## Feeling Safe

# Abuse/Neglect

You have the right not to be harmed, abused, bullied or neglected. As a young person you must rely on adults to ensure you are well cared for, sometimes that care is not good enough or even harmful, in these situations you need to be listened to and protected.

**Article: Children have the right to**  
19: protection from abuse and neglect (while in family or care).  
34 protection from abuse and exploitation  
35 not to be stolen taken against your will  
37 Not to be punished in a cruel way

### Think about:

Do you know what to do if you or someone you know is being abused or neglected?

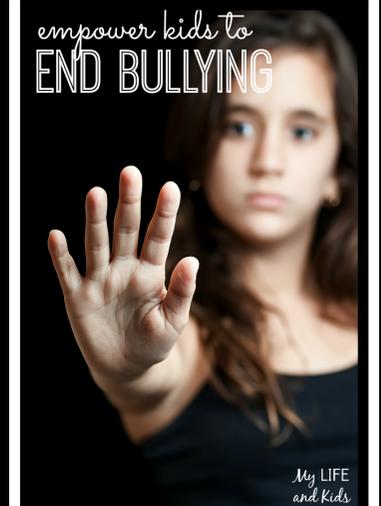
### Discuss:

1. As a child in Ireland are you listened to, do you feel you could get help if you needed?
2. Are you or have you ever been bullied, have you been protected and supported?
3. Should Ireland ban physical punishment of children? 57% of adults support a complete ban on slapping children.

**Photo: feeling unsafe, what makes you feel safe or where do you go to feel safe?**

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## Protection

Your right to be free from danger, not to be taken advantaged of or harmed by people or activities.

**Article: All children have the right to**

- 11 not be sold or taken away from your home.
- 32 not have your health/education affected by work
- 35 laws to ensure no one is allowed to kidnap you
- 37 not be punished in a cruel way
- 38 not be used as a soldier if you are under 15.
- 39 be helped if you have been hurt.
- 40 be treated fairly & with respect by the law.

**Fact**

Figures indicate that of the 513 children who went missing from state care between 2000 and 2010, 440 are still unaccounted for. (Examiner 2013)

**Think about:**

Who or where would a young person go if they were in danger?

**Discuss:**

1. How safe is Ireland for children?
2. What would make children safer in Ireland?

**Photo: take a photo that describes your safety.**

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