

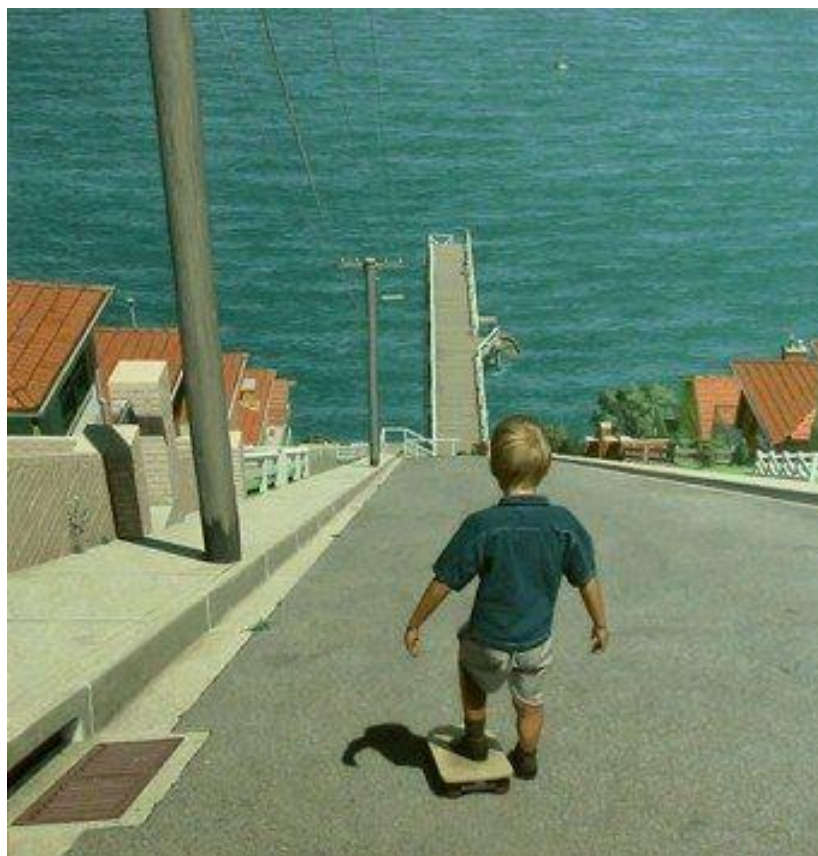


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What is Child Protection?

- Response
- Early intervention
- Prevention





National Quality Standards

The legislation is called:

- ***Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010***
- ***Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011***





Definition of Harm

What is *harm*?

- ***Harm*** to a child, is any detrimental effect of a significant nature on the child's physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing.
- It doesn't matter how the harm is caused – it's still harm.



Harm can be

- Accidental
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Duty of Care

- Owed to children, **parents and siblings.**
- The law says you are **experts**, working for an employer whose **business** is educating and caring for children.



Duty of Care

- Protect children from harm.
- Failure to discharge this duty is called negligence.



Discharging Duty of Care

- **Training** – Induction and every 12 months – broaden Child Protection knowledge and skillset
- **Policies and procedures** – updated and evidence of compliance – eg forms used
- **Comply** with Legislation
- Document all concerns and report to supervisor.



- yes
- no
- maybe



Contemporary thinking

- Intergenerational patterns
- Unsupported and unstable family structure
- Social stresses
- Social isolation
- Barriers to accessing resources





Helping Hands Bank

- Open and available for staff and parents
- Update regularly
- Ask parents to recommend and update resources

