THE RESOURCE PROJECT:
FOR PARENTS &
CAREGIVERS

WORKING WITH POLICE

CHECKLIST



You don't need to know what to ask. Start here.
Check the questions that matter to you and use the spaces below to record the information you want to remember.

BEFORE YOU SPEAK WITH POLICE

- □ Write down what your child told you, as closely as possible in their own words.
- □ Don't ask your child to repeat or practise their story.
- □ Don't try to fill in missing details.
- □ Don't confront the person your child identified.
- □ Tell police about any communication, developmental, sensory or accessibility needs your child has.

BEFORE I LEAVE

- □ I know who my police contact is.
- □ I have the case/occurrence number.
- □ I know what happens next.
- □ I know approximately when I should expect an update.
- □ I know who to contact if I have questions or my child tells me something new.

MY POLICE CONTACT

Officer: _____

Badge #: _____

Phone/email: _____

Case/occurrence #: _____

When should I expect to hear from police again? _____

QUESTIONS I CAN ASK

About my child

- □ What should I tell my child about the interview?
- □ Where will the interview happen and who will conduct it?
- □ Can I be with my child before and after the interview?
- □ What happens if my child becomes overwhelmed or doesn't want to talk?
- □ What accommodations can be made for my child's needs?
- □ What should I do if my child tells me something new?

About the investigation

- □ What happens next?
- □ Are Children's Aid or other professionals involved?
- □ Is there anything I should or shouldn't do while the investigation is underway?
- □ What should we do if the person identified tries to contact my child or our family?
- □ How will I know if charges are laid—or if they aren't?
- □ Are Victim Services or other supports available to us?

Remember:
You don't have to solve everything today.
Support your child. Keep them safe.
Let the professionals investigate.

My next step: _____

Something I still want to ask: _____

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