

# Emergency care

## Information for young people placed in emergency care

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.

The information below gives you some important details.

- The child protection practitioner is \_\_\_\_\_
- Their position is \_\_\_\_\_
- Their work address and telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_
- 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.

The initial court hearing/hearing before a bail justice will be held on

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

at: \_\_\_\_\_

(Court name or location of bail justice hearing)

- You are not required to attend the hearing unless you wish to do so. Talk to the child protection practitioner about whether you want to be at 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 see 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: \_\_\_\_\_