



IN SIMPLE LANGUAGE

ASSESSMENT OF ENDANGERMENT OF A CHILD'S WELFARE

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What is an assessment of endangerment



The Child and Youth Welfare Service makes an assessment of endangerment when they fear that a child or young person is at risk.

What happened before the assessment of possible endangerment



The Child and Youth Welfare Service was contacted by someone who is worried about the welfare of your child.

To find out if your child is at risk, a social worker from the Child and Youth Welfare Service will get in touch with you and talk to you and your child.

An assessment of possible endangerment will only be carried out if the Child and Youth Welfare Service has good reasons to think that your child is at risk.

The Child and Youth Welfare Service carries out an assessment of endangerment to find out what risks there are. Is your child's healthy development at risk because of something you are doing or not doing?

For the assessment it is important to talk

- to the parents and find out their views, and
- to the children to see what they think.

The Child and Youth Welfare Service wants all children to grow up in their family. But it needs to protect children if a family cannot give them a healthy, safe and caring family environment life.



What must or should parents do?



The most important goal of the Child and Youth Welfare Service is to protect children and young people.

This is why social workers from the Child and Youth Welfare Service ask for your cooperation.

- Tell us how you see the situation. We want to work with you to find a solution. We will give advice and support.
- Arrive on time for the appointments you made with us.
- Ask us about everything you would like to know.
- Tell us when anything changes in your family.

You must allow the social worker to come and make the assessment of endangerment.

- We need to visit you at home if your child lives with you.
- We also need to meet your child. And we need to talk to him or her if your child is old enough to understand our questions.
- We will need from you all relevant documents and data.

Talk to the social worker.
An interpreter can be present at the meeting if you feel more comfortable.

Our work is confidential.

The Child and Youth Welfare Service does not pass on any information about you or your child to others.

- All members of the Child and Youth Welfare Service must keep all information and data confidential.
- Sometimes the Child and Youth Welfare Service has to cooperate with other institutions. These could be schools, kindergartens or hospitals.

Find out more about data protection on the internet at [graz.at/datenschutz](https://www.graz.at/datenschutz).

What happens next



We will meet you and discuss with you what can be done to help you and your child. You will receive advice and support

The assessment of endangerment shows if your child is at risk and also how serious the risk is.

We will discuss with you

- what action needs to be taken, and
- how you can help improve the situation.

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