

Safeguarding yourself and others during the coronavirus pandemic

We know that times of extreme stress can lead to increased incidents of domestic abuse or other safeguarding issues. It is our priority is to ensure the safety of all our families. There are a number of organisations to support you over the coming weeks and months with both emotional support and practical guidance.

If you are concerned about a child, where you believe there is serious risk of significant harm, call the Police on 999. For any other safeguarding concerns, call the Children and Families Hub on 01534 519000.

<u>Jersey Domestic Abuse Support</u> team has guidance for victims and survivors of domestic abuse during COVID-19. If you need help or support, for yourself or someone you know, you can call them on 01534 880505 or fill in the online form on their website.

Further information on who can help locally is available from the <u>States of Jersey Police</u> and the Government of Jersey recently launched a <u>Safeguarding campaign</u>.

NSPCC offers advice and guidance on how to keep children safe. You can call or report online if you have a concern about a child and they will offer advice and support and take the next steps if a child is in danger. Their telephone lines are open Monday to Friday 8am – 10pm and 9am – 6pm at the weekend. You can contact them online 24 hours a day, 365 days a year or Telephone 0808 800 5000.

The UK-wide charity <u>SafeLives</u> offer specific resources in relation to domestic abuse and coronavirus.