



# DID YOU KNOW?

## In terms of the Children's Act, 2005 (Act No 38 OF 2005), -

- Failure to report child abuse, neglect, and exploitation to the police and social workers constitutes a criminal offence.
- Parents and caregivers have the responsibility to ensure that their children are safe at all times.

### PARENTS MUST -

- make it their business to know where their children are and what they are doing
- Always ensure that their children are under the supervision of a trustworthy adult.
- Immediately report to the police when their children are missing (**do not wait 24 hours!**)
- teach their children to know their home address and their parent's/ caregiver's names and contact details.
- Know that it is **an offence** to groom a child for sexual purposes. Encouraging a child to have a sexual relationship in exchange for material gain or money is exploitation.
- Know that it is a **criminal offence** to force a child to perform hazardous, exploitative work that is inappropriate for a person under the age of 18 years.

TO REPORT ABUSE CALL  
**SAPS CRIME STOP 08600 10111**

