

# All About Me

## Toku Ahuatanga Whanui

*The Keeping Ourselves Safe personal  
Safety module for Early Childhood  
Education Centres.*

### PORT AHURIRI CHILDREN'S CENTRE Record of implementation.

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# Children's Rights

Children have a right to our protection.

Children have a right to be heard.

Children have a right to information.

Children have right to talk to us about anything.

Children have a right to tell secrets that worry them.

Children have a right to trust their feelings.

Children have a right to say 'no' to touch, words or behaviour that worries them.

Children have a right to be taken seriously.

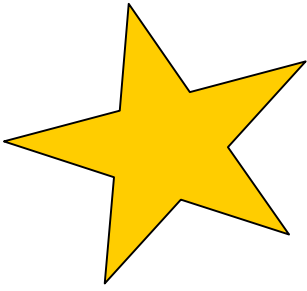
Children have a right to express anger.

Children have a right to ownership of their bodies.

Children have a right to feel good about themselves.

Children have a right to be and feel safe.

(Adapted from a list in the *Safe before Five early childhood programme*. Cited in All About Me. Toku Ahutanga Whanui. The Keeping Ourselves Safe personal safety module for Early Childhood Education Centres. PUB-L120. New Zealand Police).



Key Concepts on which  
*Keeping Ourselves Safe*  
is based.

- Abuse is **wrong** and is a **crime**.
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- Abuse can take a number of forms and all can be **damaging** to the victim.
- Abuse is **never** the victim's fault.
- **No** child deserves to be abused.
- **Everyone** in early childhood education centres, and in their communities, has a **responsibility** to help prevent abuse of children.
- Skills, knowledge and attitudes can be taught that will **help children to recognize, avoid and report abuse**.
- Reports of abuse need to be **listened to** and **acted on**.
- **Children need abuse prevention education in an ongoing way through out their schooling**.
- Early childhood centres are **required** to have effective abuse prevention **policies, protocols and procedures** in place.

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