



# The 6R's of Disclosure Response

✓ **Do**

✗ **Don't**

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## RECOGNISE

- ✓ Listen without judgement
- ✓ Give the child your full attention
- ✓ Be patient

- ✗ Ask leading questions
- ✗ Interrupt or cut the child off
- ✗ Correct the child

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## REASSURE

- ✓ Thank the child for entrusting you
- ✓ Let the child know how brave they are for speaking with you

- ✗ Make promises you can't keep

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## RESPOND

- ✓ Explain what will happen next
- ✓ Let the child know who you will be informing and why

- ✗ Tell the child that you will keep it a secret
- ✗ Confront the perpetrator

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## REPORT

- ✓ Complete a report through your state-based reporting scheme
- ✓ Report to your line manager

- ✗ Notify parents/guardians unless advised by your state-based helpline

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## RECORD

- ✓ Document the conversation and disclosure
- ✓ Include only the facts
- ✓ Complete an incident report

- ✗ Leave out information
- ✗ Change language used by the child or young person
- ✗ Add emotions or opinions

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## REFLECT

- ✓ Think about the steps you took and what you could do differently next time
- ✓ Think about how you can use this experience to better inform the children

- ✗ Tell your friends or other children about the incident