



DID YOU KNOW:

Statistics gathered in Jersey over the last few years show:

On average, every week of the year, at least one child under the age of 18 years, attends at the Accident and Emergency Department (*usually transported there by Ambulance*) as a result of alcoholic intoxication.

Every year the Jersey Brook Advisory Centre are providing emergency contraception to over 200 girls under the age of 16 years.

Persons under the age of 18 years old, are responsible for one in every four crimes detected in the Island.

In some areas of the Island, a fifth of all calls made to the Police, are concerning young people involved in anti—social behaviour.

Under Article 9 of the Criminal Justice (Young Offenders) (Jersey) Law 1994 the Youth Court has the power to fine a parent or guardian with respect to an offence committed by their child.

The Court may also order a child's parent or guardian to 'give security' for a child's good behaviour.

If you are unsure what to do, please contact one of these agencies, their job is to support you and work with you to keep children and young people safe.
- if in doubt check it out

Useful contact numbers and addresses:

Children's Service:	623500
Parenting Support Services:	449495
Youth Action Team	449104
Brook Centre:	507981
Youth Service:	449394
Alcohol and Drug Service:	716000
(24 hour Emergency helpline 0800 735 0213)	

States of Jersey Police - Community Officers

Please telephone 612612 to contact your local Community Officer

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YOUR CHILD? YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!



Please help us keep children and young people safe in Jersey

Why you always need to know where your child is.

- At all hours of the day and night the Police are called to deal with young people behaving in anti-social or unsafe ways.
- On many occasions the parents of the youngsters concerned do not know where their children are or what they are doing.
- Often, the consumption of alcohol or other substances by young people can lead to them becoming involved in anti-social or unsafe behaviour, which they would not otherwise do.
- If you don't know where your child is or who they are with, how can you be sure they are safe?
- Remember that if you are a parent or carer of a child under the age of 16 years you should always know where your child is sleeping. If after having made all reasonable enquiries you still do not know where your child is staying, you should report this matter to the Police.

What every parent should know.

Where is **your** child?

Who **your** child is with?

What **your** child is doing?

What time **your** child is coming home?

Where to get help if you don't know the answers to these questions

Please see overleaf for the range of agencies that may be able to support you

Some tips, from other parents, for bringing up teenagers.

- Stick to a few simple, safe, clear rules.
- Always asks questions. If in doubt, always check it out. Never be afraid to check out the information you have been given.
- If you are concerned about where they are going or who they are going with - talk it through with them and agree suitable arrangements based upon their age and maturity.
- If they want to go on a 'sleep over' always make the arrangements directly with the other parent/carer.
- Get to know the parents/carers of your child's friends, make regular contact with them and know their phone numbers.

As a family, have a rule about ways of keeping in contact with each other.

