

Leaving Home

What if I want to leave home?

If for whatever reason you feel that you cannot continue to live with your family, Youth Legal Service strongly encourages you to seek help and advice from someone you trust, such as your local office of the Department for Child Protection (DCP), school counsellor or local youth worker.

When can I leave home?

In Western Australia, at present there is no written law pertaining to the age that a young person can leave the family home with or without parental consent. However, if you choose to leave home whilst you are under the age of 18 years, the Department for Child Protection will need to be satisfied that you have an adequate income to support yourself, that you are living in adequate housing and that you are not in any physical or moral danger.

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Important: This general information is not the same as legal advice. You should speak with a lawyer about your situation.



For assistance contact:

Kids Helpline

1800 551 800

Crisis Care

9223 1111 or 1800 199 008

For help with this and other issues contact:

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(08) 9202 1688 (Perth Metro)

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