



## Reporting code domestic violence - In Mijn Humm

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Since January 1, 2019, it is mandatory by law to work with the "Reporting code for domestic violence and child abuse", which also includes the child check.

Below is a brief explanation of the steps of the Reporting code and what the child check entails.

### Step 1 - Mapping the signals

The practitioner collects evidence for and against the suspicion of child abuse and/or neglect. These are factually and objectively recorded in the file.

### Step 2 - Collegial consultation and/or consultation with Veilig Thuis

The collected information is discussed with a colleague and/or the information obtained can be discussed (anonymously) with Veilig Thuis.

### Step 3 - Discussion with parents/guardians and/or child

The concerns and signals are discussed with the parents and the child as soon as possible. In addition to sharing the information, the goal may be to collect more information and/or motivate parents for help. If the safety of the therapist or the child could be jeopardized by such a conversation, this can be waived.

### Step 4 - Making a decision

All information from steps 1 to 3 is weighed.

It is assessed whether the suspicion of child abuse and/or neglect continues to exist.

It is estimated whether there is acute or structural insecurity.

If in doubt, consultation can be held with Veilig Thuis.

### Step 5 - Making decisions

Two decisions are made in this step.

First, it is decided whether it is necessary to report to Veilig Thuis. If the suspicion of acute or structural insecurity is confirmed in the previous steps, a report is made.

Second, it is assessed whether it is (also) possible to organise help for the family. In this, it is examined whether the help can be provided within the current care or whether other help is necessary for this. If the help can be started, it will be monitored whether the persons involved cooperate with the help provided and whether the help provided leads to a situation of safety. If the conclusion is "no", a report will be made.

The child check falls under step 1 of the Reporting Code and is part of the assistance provided to adults. During the child check, an assessment is made based on information collected from the client about the (possible un)safety of the child/children within the client's family in relation to the psychological complaints that the client experiences. If the care provider has concerns, steps 2 through 5 will be completed.

More information can be found on the website of the Central Government: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/huiselijk-geweld/meldcode>