

# Our Rights, Your Responsibilities

## Responding To Childhood Domestic Violence and Abuse

1. SEE US. Don't ignore us. We have lived with it too.



WE MIGHT BE YOUNG  
BUT OUR VOICES AND OPINIONS  
MATTER!

3. **Believe**  
everything  
we say



5. ALWAYS TELL CHILDREN

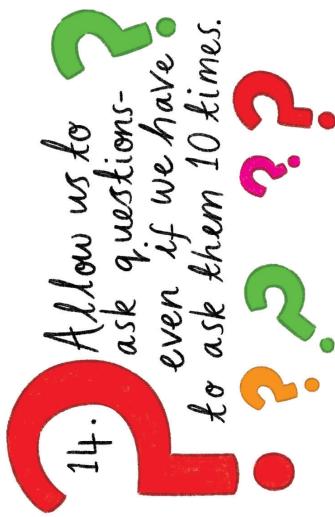
to us all because we feel  
the pain too.

4. **BE KIND**

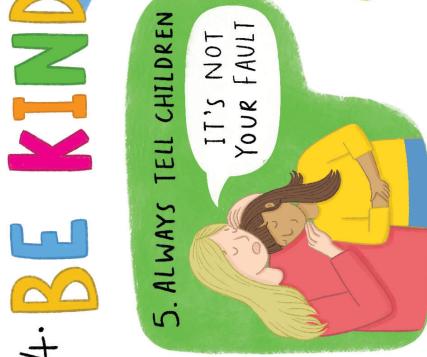


13. DON'T PUT US UNDER PRESSURE  
BY ASKING ONE QUESTION  
AFTER ANOTHER REALLY  
QUICKLY.

14. Allow us to  
ask questions -  
even if we have  
to ask them 10 times.  
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15. Allow us to PROCESS THIS INFORMATION in  
our own time and then come back to us.



12. **TALK**

7. Talk to us in a soft tone,  
NO RAISED VOICES.

10. Be tuned into our needs.

9. Always ask us how we feel,  
even if we look happy:  
Sometimes we can look happy  
but really we are **hurting**.

8. **Take time**  
to get to know us.  
Don't rush and  
don't start with  
the hard stuff.

6. Introduce yourself,  
explain your  
job and be  
clear to us.

5. Allow us our  
INDEPENDENCE

11. **TALK**

19. We should be asked to give an  
opinion about what's going to  
happen next.

17. **PATIENT**. We  
have lived with  
this for so long  
it has become the  
norm.

18. **ALLOW US OUR  
INDEPENDENCE**

20. **Keep us safe**  
We have no control over  
what happens in the  
family.

