

How to Guide: Using the Safety House

The Safety House is designed to engage children and young people in the planning process and explore what they need to see to feel safe living with their parents.

The Safety House explores five areas:

- What life would look like in a house they feel safe in – the rules of the house for what would happen or not happen
- Who would live in the house
- Who would visit and how they should be involved
- People the child/ young person sees as unsafe
- Safety Path – using the path to the house as a scaling device for the child/young person to express their readiness to reunite with their family or feel safe in their home

Undertaking the Safety House process with children/young people should be done with full knowledge of the adults involved. Children and young people should be fully aware that the parents are working with their network to create a new set of rules for their family so everyone knows the children are happy and safe.

