

## Police Protection Order

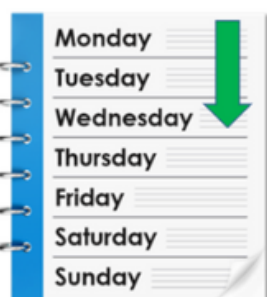


The police have the power to remove a child from their home in an emergency if they feel a child is in immediate danger of significant harm.

This is called a Police Protection order. This is a very serious order.



The police do not have to go to court to get this order.



3 days

### How long will it last?

A police protection order can last up to 3 days.



The police must tell parents what they are doing and why.



Solicitor

You should speak to a solicitor as soon as possible.



The police must tell children's social care if they remove a child.



### What does it mean?

A police protection order means that the police have to:

- Work with children's social care to find a place of safety for the the child. This could be with a family member or a foster carer.



- Stop a child being taken away from another place like a hospital.



- Stop a child being taken away from a place of safety.



If it is safe and in the child's best interests then family time will be arranged.