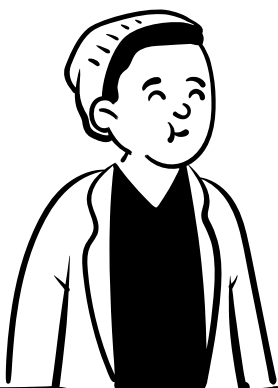


LEAVING HOME RIGHTS

UNDER 16-YEARS OLD

Your parents have the right to decide where you live and go to school.

If you leave and are unsafe, the authorities may return you to your home or take you into care.



16 OR 17 (IN GENERAL)

You have right to live independently and choose where you live and go to school.

If you are living with another person, they will not be charged if they do not help you in leaving.

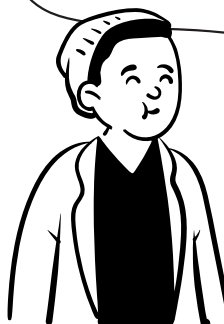


UNDER 16: WHAT IF I CAN'T LIVE AT HOME BECAUSE IT IS HARMFUL TO ME?

Harm and neglect can be report to the Children's Aid Society (CAS). This should be done ASAP.



What happens next?



16 OR 17: WHAT IF I CAN'T LIVE AT HOME?

CAS can offer financial and social supports. Under some circumstances, your parents *MAY* still have to support you. Visit JFCY website for more info!

Take your personal belongings and ID with you (e.g. OHIP, passport)!



Great question! After investigating, CAS may place you with a relative, foster home, or group care if they believe you're being abused or got kicked out.

Talk to your CAS worker if you have any questions or concerns about what's happening.

