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**What to do if you  
don't feel safe with adults  
who work with you.**



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You will not be in any trouble and someone will help you understand what is going on.

Allegations  
Alligator



Most adults who work with children and young people do a great job.

Sometimes things happen that make children feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

If this happens to you we want you to tell someone. This leaflet will tell you what to do and what will happen next.

**The Allegations  
Alligator says we want  
you to tell someone.**



## If you are worried about the way an adult who works with you is behaving you can do the following:

Tell your parent or carer

Talk to another adult who you trust

Tell another adult who works in the same place

## What will happen next?

Concerns raised by a child or young person are sometimes called an **allegation**.

Allegations should be taken seriously and listened to.

Usually someone important might need to be told about what you have said and will decide what to do to help.

For example in a school this might be the head teacher. They will decide if they need to contact someone called the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO).

## Who is the LADO?

The LADO is someone who is there to help sort things out to make sure children are safe. They will ask for information about the allegation and decide how serious it is. If it is very serious the police or a social worker may need to be involved. Less serious concerns can be sorted out by the place where the person works.

## Who will talk to me about the allegation?

Someone will need to ask you more about what has happened and the LADO will make sure you know who this is. You should be told how long it will take to sort things out and what happened in the end. Adults will work together to make sure that whatever made you feel unsafe or uncomfortable does not happen again.

**The LADO  
will help sort  
things out.**



This leaflet has been designed with help  
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[www.barnetscb.org](http://www.barnetscb.org)