

Family Law Watchlist

Urgent steps to take when there is a risk of children being taken overseas

1. Ring the Queensland Police Service on 000 if you think that your child is at an immediate risk of harm.
2. Ring the courts' after-hour service on 1300 352 000 and ask for an urgent Family Law Watchlist order. This should only be used in emergencies such as when an urgent order is required when there is risk of a child being removed before the next working day.
3. Ring the Australian Federal Police on (02) 6126 7777 immediately to inform them that you are applying for a Family Law Watchlist order, or email them on AOCC-Alerts@afp.gov.au.
4. To obtain a Family Law Watchlist order, make an urgent appointment with a lawyer or attend at the Brisbane Family Law courts to see a duty lawyer.

PRIOR to your appointment, make sure to complete a Family Law Watchlist Request form and bring that to your appointment with the lawyer (download the form [here](#)).

5. If your child does not have an Australian passport or other travel document, you may be able to prevent one from being issued by completing a Child Alert Request form (PC9). You can obtain a form by phoning the Australian Passport Information Service on 131 232 or by visiting a passport office. This will not stop your child from travelling if they already have a valid Australian passport or other travel document.

USEFUL CONTACTS

QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE

200 Roma Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

General Enquiries
Tel. 13 14 44

AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Emergency Enquiries
(02) 6126 7777

General Enquiries
(02) 6131 3000

FAMILY LAW COURTS

119 North Quay (cnr Tank Street)
Brisbane Qld 4000

Tel. 1300 352 000

AUSTRALIAN PASSPORT OFFICE

150 Charlotte Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Tel. 13 12 32