

# HOW DECISIONS ARE MADE TO TAKE CHILDREN INTO CARE

Social Services are informed that a child may be being harmed. In many cases, information about children is received in the form of a notification of concern. Social Services assesses whether the child needs to be protected immediately and whether they need to start an investigation.

## Emergencies

The child needs to be taken into care

### Agree



The child is placed voluntarily

### Disagree



The child is placed in care immediately in accordance with the Swedish Care of Young Persons (Special Provisions) Act, also known as the LVU



The court reviews the decision

## Non-emergency

The child does not need to be taken into care



The child may remain at home

Social Services may want to meet the family to know more about how the child is doing at home

## Social Services completes its investigation

In the investigation, they have determined whether the child needs to be placed in care or if there is other help they can offer the family.



## Need for placement

### Agree



The child is placed voluntarily

### Disagree



The court makes a decision



The child is placed in care in accordance with the Swedish Care of Young Persons (Special Provisions) Act, LVU

## No need



The child continues to live at home

If necessary, the family can receive an offer of, e.g., a contact person or contact family