





## Conduct of Police Officers with regard to Children

## What to do

- 1. Be sensitive to children.
- 2. Make children sit in a comfortable and safe place.
- 3. Provide basic necessities to children like food, water, toilet, first aid, etc.
- 4. Respect the wishes and reluctance of children.
- 5. Benefit of doubt should be given to the child till the age determination process is complete.
- 6. CWPOs should be in plain clothes as far as possible.
- 7. If the child is in need of care and protection he/she must be produced before the Child Welfare Committee.
- 8. During investigation the statement of the child should be recorded at his/her place of residence or of his/her choice.
- 9. Presence of the child's guardian or any other person whom the child trusts must be ensured during the recording of statements or medical examinations of the child.
- 10. Addresses and phone numbers of all stakeholders in relation to children like CWC, Childline, DPO, One-stop center, etc should be readily available.