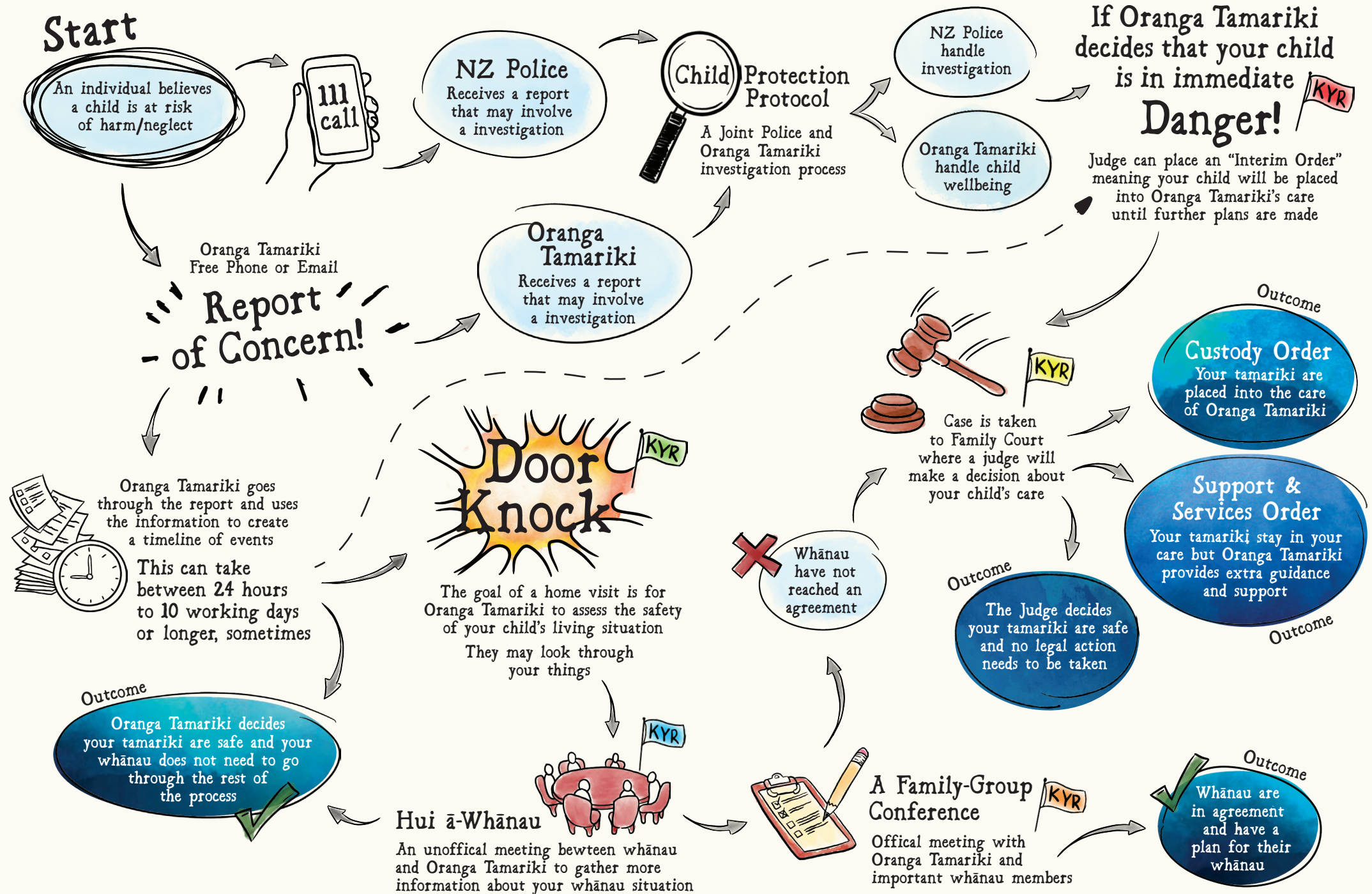




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Know your Rights!

Navigating Oranga Tamariki can be overwhelming and scary. It is an uncertain time for your whānau. Knowing your rights throughout the process can help you to gain some sense of control

Oranga Tamariki Act 1989

Uplifting

By going to a Judge in the Family Court, Oranga Tamariki can gain certain powers backed by the law

Ordering your tamariki to have a medical examination

Uplifting your tamariki from your home



Access to information

Your whānau have a right to know why Oranga Tamariki are investigating you

Section 8



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Court Orders

As part of a custody order, a Judge may allow or deny certain people contact with your tamariki



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Interim Order

Remember: Interim means temporary. Your tamariki can still end up in your care after the order ends.

Draw upon the strength in your whānau and hold out until the Family Group Conference for the sake of your tamariki.

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Section 87 and 121

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A Whānau Situation

Your whānau has a right to be heard and to tell your side of the story.

Take the lead in the Family Group Conference

Section 5(c)(v)



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Your Tamariki

Your tamariki are important and have a right to have their voices heard.

This can include being a part of meetings and having a say in decisions and about their care where age appropriate.

Sections 5(1)(a), 11(2)(a)



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Whether its Oranga Tamariki or the police knocking at your door...

You can ask:

Can I see your ID?

Sections 39(3) and 49

Support

You have a right to have someone on your side who has knowledge to help your whānau through the process

You can ask:

Can we have a support person?

Sections 5(1)(a), 11(2)(a)

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Where to get help?

Youth Law
Aotearoa

(If you are < 25 years)
Phone 0800 884 529

Citizens Advice
Bureau (CAB)

Phone 0800 367 222
www.cab.org.nz

Women's Refuge
Phone 0800 733 843

Ministry of Justice
(low-income)
Phone 0800 253 425

Oranga Tamariki
Ministry for
Children

Phone 0508 326 459
www.orangatamariki.govt.nz

Stopping Violence
Services

Manaaki Tangata
Victim Support

Phone 0800 842 846
www.victimsupport.org.nz

Family Court
Phone 0800 224 733