

# Let's make safer communities for LGBTQIA+ families

## What can young people and kids do to help?



### Be kind and respectful

Be respectful with your friends, siblings and parents. If you are angry or upset, practice using talking respectfully to let people know how you feel.

It's not funny to hurt people. **Learn** and practise some helpful things to say when people use unkind language, or make jokes about hurting others.

Learn how to be an ally - that means being a supportive friend. Look up guides [like this one](#) or [this one](#) online.



**LGBTQIA+ means Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Asexual and more!**

### Celebrate LGBTQIA+ people - everyone should have the same rights!

Learn more about what LGBTQIA+ means. Celebrate LGBTQIA+ events, [history](#) and [people](#).

Make it clear that LGBTQIA+ people are welcome in your home - put up posters or LGBTQIA+ support flags.

Read books by LGBTQIA+ authors and about LGBTQIA+ people.

Celebrate and support [Wear it Purple](#) Day (27 August) and Mardi Gras.

### We love it when people can be who they want to be

Learn [about pronouns](#) and what they mean - words like he, she, or they.

Ask your friends about their pronouns and say it's ok for someone to have a gender that they weren't born with.

### Think about safety so you know what to do

Get your whole family involved with preventing violence by downloading this free toolkit [here](#) and holding a family meeting to talk through it.

If someone you know is not safe, reach out to a trusted adult.

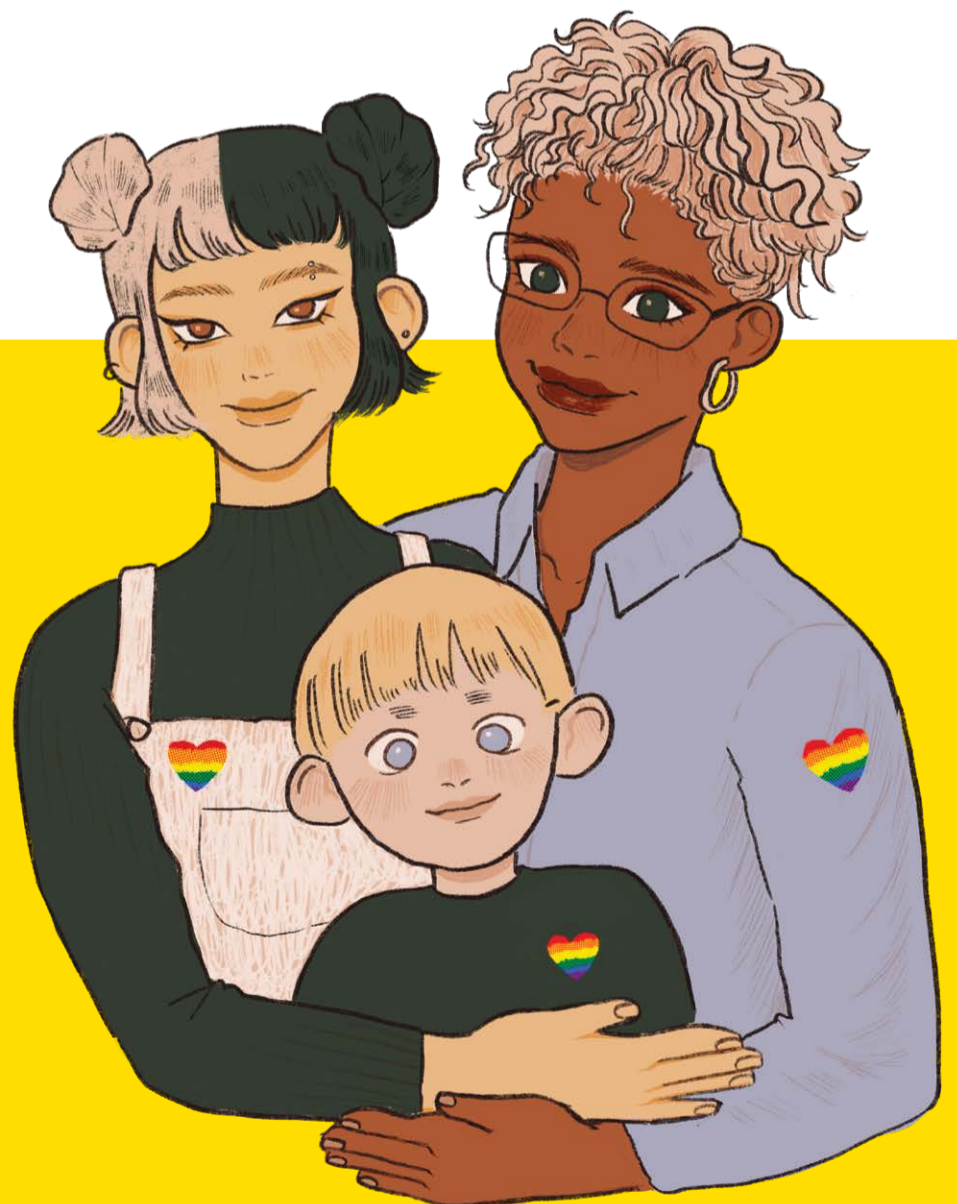
Think about how you can be safe online too. Tipsheet [here](#).

### REMEMBER:

In a crisis, call the police on 000.

[Kidshelpline](#) has online materials on domestic and family violence and is available 24/7 on 1800 55 1800.

[Minus18](#) has great information for young LGBTQIA+ people.



**Everyone deserves to live in a safe home!**

