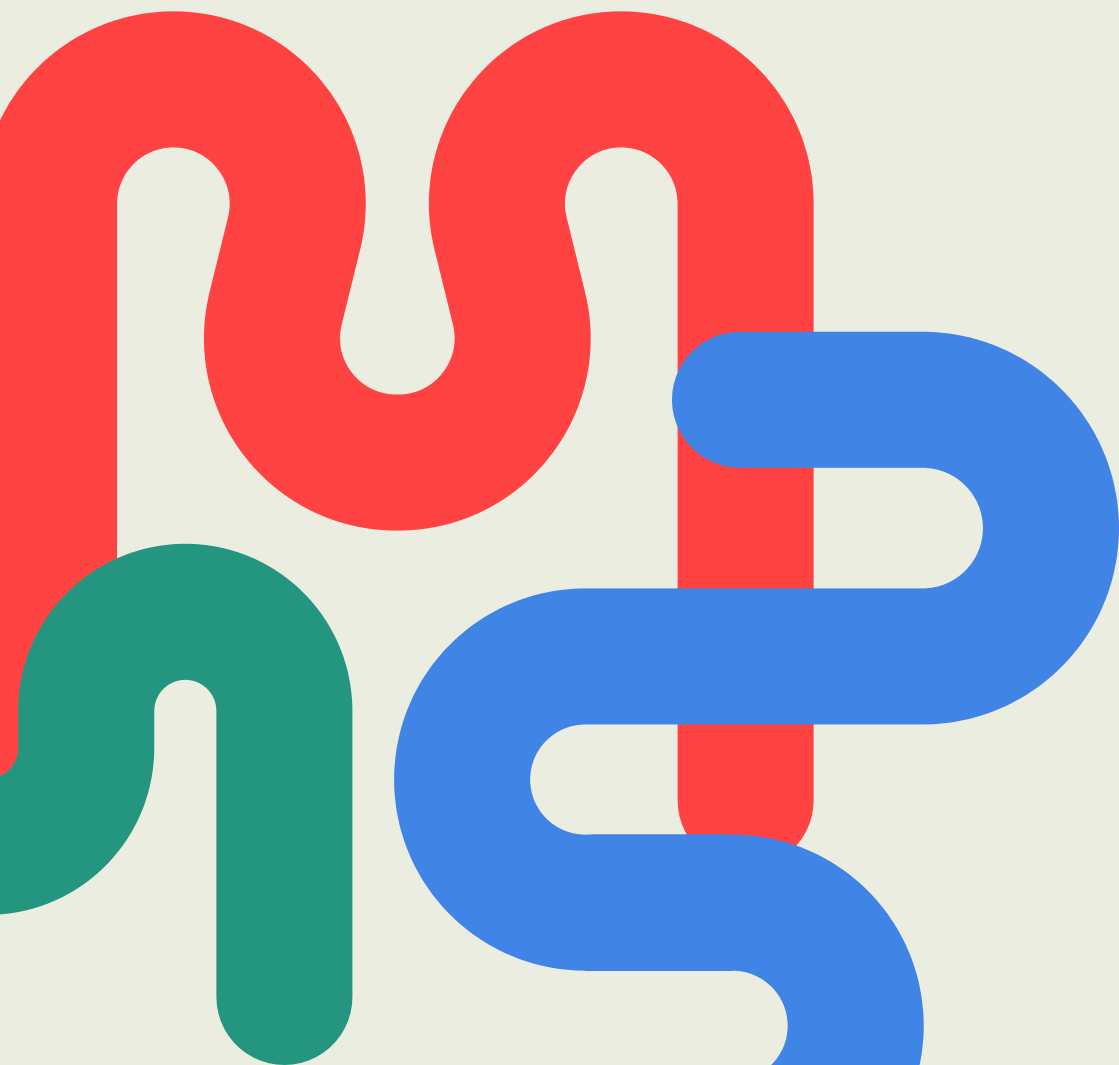


Statens barnehus

Information for children





Facilitated investigative interviews at Statens barnehus

Sometimes, children experience difficult things that make it necessary for the police to talk to them.

If someone suspects that you have witnessed or been the victim of violence, sexual assault, or other criminal acts, you may be asked to come to Statens barnehus.

At Statens barnehus, the police will conduct a facilitated investigative interview. Statens barnehus does not look like a police station, and the police working there wear regular clothes.



The day we interview you

When you come to Statens barnehus, the police will talk to you alone in a separate room. If you don't speak Norwegian or would rather speak another language, you will be assigned an interpreter.

Food and drinks will also be served.



Who is interviewed at Statens barnehus?

If you are asked to give a facilitated interview, it is because it is important for the police to talk to you. We want to know what you have experienced and how you are doing.

You can feel safe when you are with us. Everyone who works at Statens barnehus is used to talking to children and young people. In our work, we meet a lot of children every day.



Who will accompany you?

Sometimes, parents can't accompany their children to Statens barnehus. This is to ensure that the parents don't know that the police are talking to their children. Therefore, you may be accompanied to Statens barnehus by another adult person. Often, this is a teacher or someone you know well.



What is a facilitated investigative interview?

When children and young people may be involved in serious criminal cases, the police need to talk to them about what they have experienced and how they are feeling/doing. This conversation is called a facilitated investigative interview.

The interview is a deposition, and will be recorded so that you don't have to appear in court in the event of a trial. There are rules regulating how facilitated interviews are to be conducted.

The rules for facilitated interviews are governed by Section 239 of the Criminal Procedure Act



Video

There is a microphone and a camera in the room where you talk to the police. The conversation is transmitted to a different room, where the other people working on your case will be following the interview. We also make a video recording of the conversation. This is to ensure that you don't have to explain yourself again in the event of a trial. The video recording is shared with the other specialists working on your case.



Doctor and dentist

Sometimes, the police want you to be examined by a doctor or a dentist. This is because your body can say something about what you have experienced and how you are doing. At Statens barnehus, there is both a doctor and a dentist who can examine you.



What happens after the interview?

After the interview, you, Statens barnehus, and the police will make a plan for the next steps. Sometimes the Child Welfare Service is also involved

Many children come back to Statens barnehus after their first visit. Some may have a reaction after what they have experienced and need help to talk about difficult feelings.

We are here to help you, and we can talk about whatever you need to.



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