

Creating a LOUD fence in Early Years Settings

A Support Guide for Directors and Educators



What is a LOUD Fence?



A LOUD fence is a fence decorated with **brightly coloured ribbons**, tied to show visible support for children and families. In Early Years settings, it is a **powerful statement of child safety** and a way to stand in solidarity with the community.

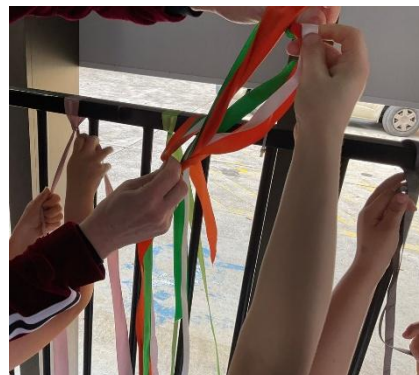
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1. Show your commitment to child safety

When families and community members see ribbons tied at your service, it sends a clear message:

- You take child safety seriously.
- You are committed to creating a safe, supportive environment for all children.
- You actively uphold the [Child Safe Standards](#).
- We will always be **LOUD** about child safety.

The ribbons act as a **visible reminder** that children's safety and wellbeing are at the heart of your service.



2. Show how you act to safeguard

LOUD fence ribbons also act as a **safeguard**. They signal that:

- Strong child safe policies and procedures are in place.
- Staff are alert, aware, and committed to protecting children.
- Unsafe behaviour will never be ignored.

3. Build a culture of visibility and support

By tying ribbons, you make **child safety visible**. This benefits your service by:

- Encouraging ongoing conversations about safety, respect, and inclusion.
- Demonstrating leadership in your community.



- Creating a culture where children know they will be listened to and supported.
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4. Strengthen partnerships with families and community

Families want to know their children are safe and valued. A LOUD fence shows that:

- You are working alongside families to build a safe environment.
- You acknowledge the role families play in protecting children.
- You support children's voices being heard and respected.

This builds trust and strengthens relationships between staff, families, and the wider community.

Your LOUD fence may inspire others - schools, libraries, and local groups - to join in. Together, these visible actions create a **safer, stronger community for children**.

Explaining the Ribbons to Children

Keep it simple and empowering:

“The ribbons remind big people to listen to little people.”

[Having conversations with children and young people | National Office for Child Safety.](#)



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- **1800 RESPECT:** 1800 737 732
- **Lifeline:** 13 11 14
- **Blue Knot Foundation:** 1300 657 380
- **Parentline:** 13 22 89
- **13 Yarn:** 13 92 76