

Family Law Snapshot: The Top 3 Issues Affecting Schools



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Agenda

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AUTHORITY:

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PAYMENTS:

Who is obliged to pay for a student?

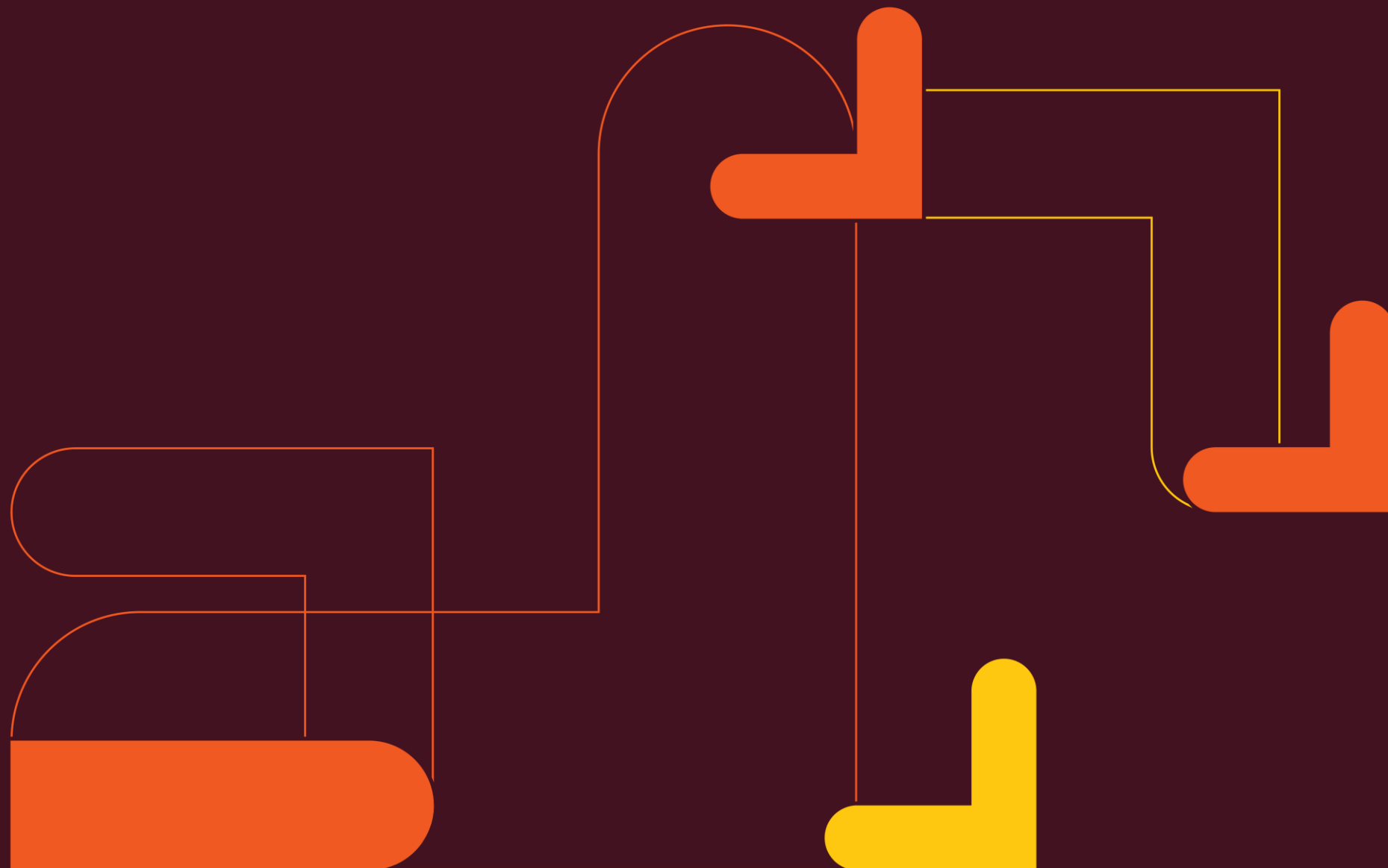
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SAFETY:

How can a school help keep a student safe?



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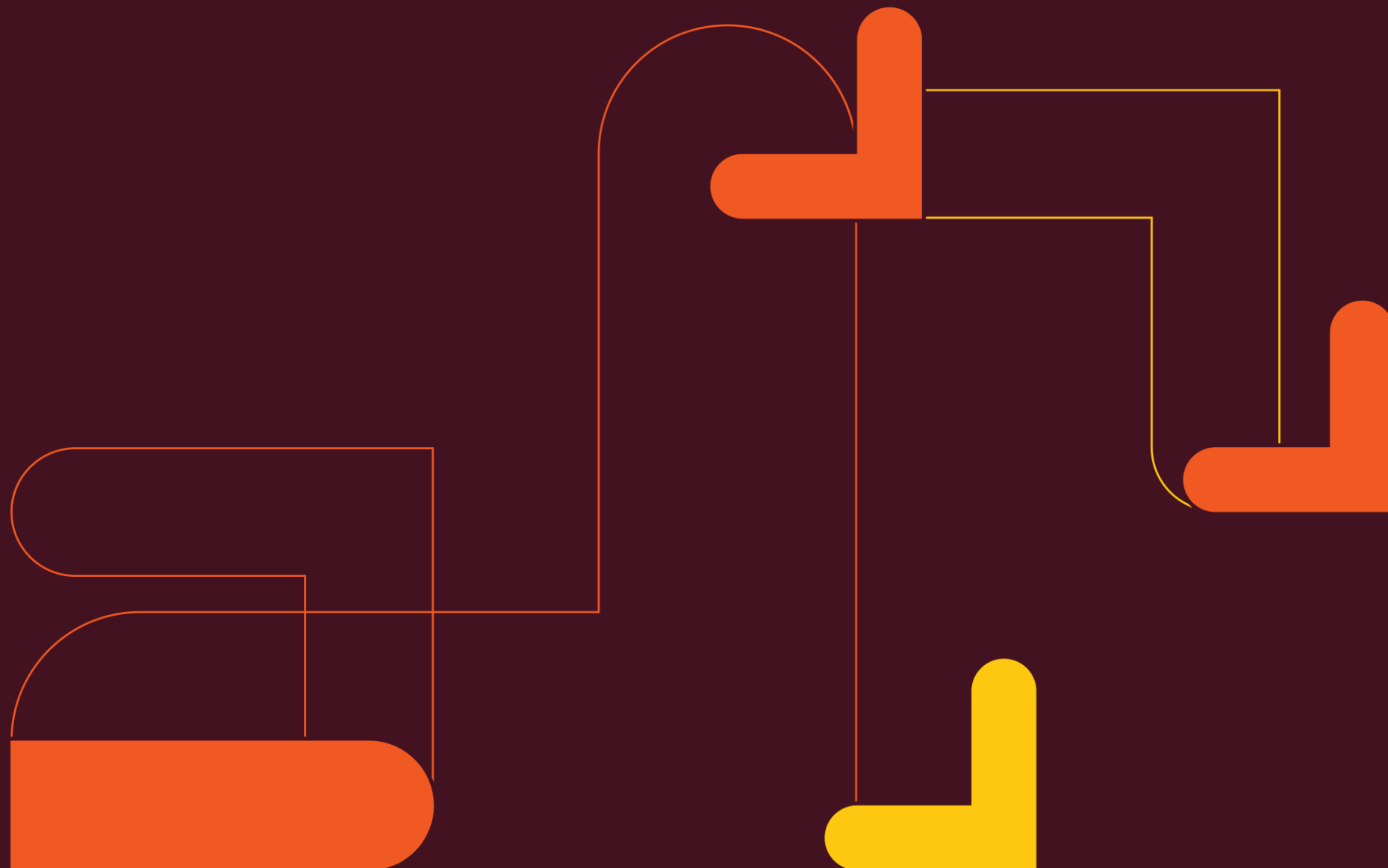
Authority

- Parental responsibility
- “Decision-making responsibility”
- Students over 18 years
- Mature minors
- Speak to us if you are unsure about who can make a particular decision about a particular student.





2. Who is obliged to pay for the student?





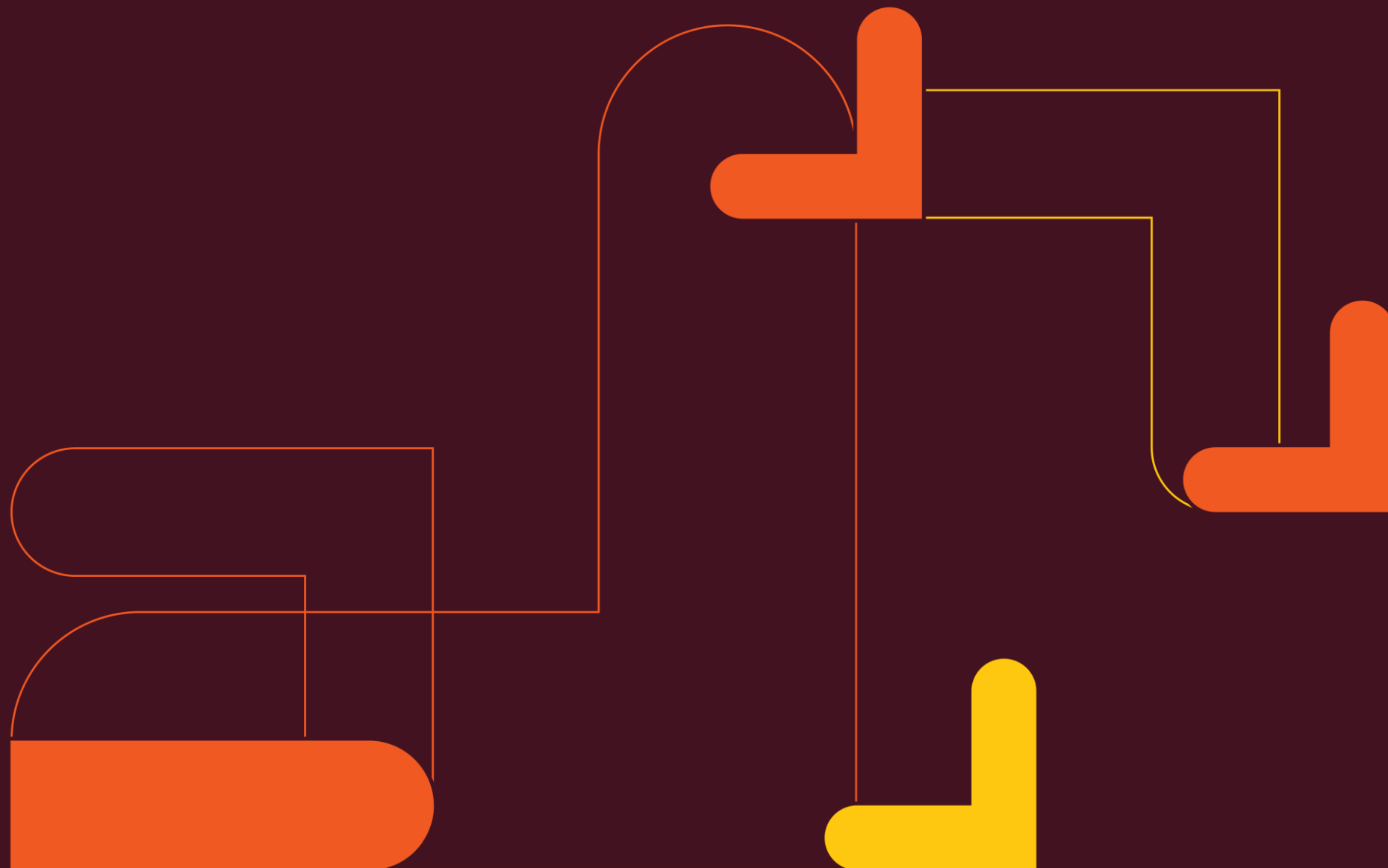
Payments

- The school's enrolment contract and policies are paramount.
- Get a sealed copy of any relevant orders or a certified copy of any relevant agreement.
- Speak to us if you are concerned about complying with a particular order or agreement.





3. How can a school help keep a student safe?





Safety

Require caregivers to give you a sealed copy of any court orders:

- Family Law, Family Violence, Child Protection

Note any unexpected changes in routine.

Speak to us if:

- you are worried about the safety of school staff;
- you are unsure about your mandatory reporting obligations; or
- you are unsure whether or how to comply with a subpoena.





Questions?



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