

adoption order

a court order that establishes a new legal relationship between potential adoptive parents and child eligible for adoption; it also severs the legal relationship that existed between the adoptive child and his or her natural or legally recognised parents or guardians prior to the adoption process

caution

a formal notice given to a young offender where the offence is more serious than one appropriately dealt with by a warning

children

generally persons aged 15 years and younger, depending on the legal context

corporal punishment

the physical punishment of people, especially of children, by hitting them

doli incapax

a latin term meaning 'incapable of wrong'; the presumption that a child under 10 years of age cannot be held legally responsible for his or her actions and cannot be guilty of a criminal or civil offence

foundling	a deserted infant whose parents identity is unknown
guarantor	a person who gives a formal promise that someone else's contract will be fulfilled, often backed by some form of asset that will stand as collateral to secure the promise
indictable offences	serious criminal offences that require an indictment (a formal, written charge) and a preliminary hearing; they are typically tried before a judge and jury and are subject to a greater penalty
juvenile	a child or young person, generally under 18 years of age, although this may vary depending on the context
prohibited person	a person prohibited from working in a child-related employment because of a conviction of a serious sex offence, murder of a child, or an offence involving violence toward a child

public space	areas set aside in which members of the community can associate and assemble
sanction	a penalty imposed on those who break the law, usually in the form of a fine or punishment
summary offences	criminal offences that can be dealt with by a single judge without a jury and do not require a preliminary hearing
torts	civil wrongs involving breach of duty, torts include negligence, defamation, nuisance and trespass to the person, goods or land
warning	a formal notice given to a younger offender, usually for a first minor offence

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working with children  
check

a check by the NSW Commission for Children and Young People on the appropriateness of a person in NSW to work in child-related employment

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youth justice conferences

meetings of all the people who may be affected by crime committed by a young offender; used to help them to accept responsibility for their actions while avoiding the court system

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