

What is Interim Removal?



Interim removal is a temporary decision made by a court to remove a child from their home while a full court case is still being decided.

Temporary Measure: It's not a permanent decision. The court is still investigating and making a final decision about what is best for the child.



Safety First: The main reason for interim removal is to ensure the child is safe. If there's a concern that the child might be in danger or not properly cared for at home, the court can decide to move the child to a safer place temporarily.

Urgency: Sometimes situations are urgent, and the court needs to act quickly to protect the child, even before all the facts are fully known.



When Might Interim Removal Happen?

Evidence of Harm: If there is evidence that the child is being harmed or is at serious risk of harm. This could be physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, or any situation that puts the child's well-being in danger.

Investigation Ongoing: While children's services and other professionals are still investigating the case, they might recommend interim removal to keep the child safe.

What Happens During Interim Removal?

Temporary Care: The child might be placed with another family member, a foster family, or in a children's home. The goal is to find a safe and supportive environment.

Court Reviews: The court will keep reviewing the situation regularly to make sure the child is safe and to check on the progress of the investigation.

Final Decision: Once the court has all the information it needs, it will make a final decision about the child's long-term living situation. This could mean returning the child to their parents, placing them with relatives, or other arrangements that ensure the child's safety and well-being.



Key Points to Remember

- **Protective Action:** Interim removal is about protecting the child first and foremost.
- **Temporary:** It's a short-term solution whilst the court figures out the best long-term plan.
- **Regular Reviews:** The court keeps a close eye on the situation to make sure the child remains safe during the interim period.