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“The most dangerous place for tamariki to be is alone with the stepfather”

**Pinepine te kura, hau te kura
Whanake te kura i raro i Awarua
Ko te kura nui, ko te kura roa,
Ko te kura o Tawhiti nā Tūhaepō...**

The most dangerous place for tamariki to be is alone with the stepfather. The latest killing of a little girl while being cared for by her step dad in Napier has shattered this Iwi's confidence in that things were getting better for tamariki in our rohe. This treatment of our children is heartbreaking and the evil of using our kids as dart boards and kicking bags must cease but the Iwi violence free message lies hopeless alongside the death of another mokopuna.

99.9% of dads are brilliant but there exists a mentality amongst a few that a stepchild is an unwelcome intrusion into a developing relationship and that the child becomes then the target of any frustrations, angst's and anger.

This is a plea for the whole of whanau to be vigilant over this period of joyous celebration to most but extreme stress to some that manifests into the killing of a child. Keep an eye open for signs and tell others if you fear for the safety of a whanau member no matter what age no matter what area.

E ora ai ā tātau tamariki me kaha tā tātau tiaki! Kei noho tātau ka tuku i ā tātau tamariki kia tūkinotia. Ēhara i te tamaiti te hē, he kore tiaki nō tātau, ā, kei noho ko ā tātau tamariki hei papa mō ā tātau mahi heahea!

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