

## **Decision Tree: Serious threat exception**

Use this decision tree when deciding whether the Privacy Act serious threat exception applies.

Is there a threat to the life or health of a child, young person, another person or the public?

If **YES**, continue to the next step



If **NO**, you can't rely on the serious threat exception

Can you use section 66C of the Oranga Tamariki Act or section 20 of the Family Violence to share the information?

If **YES**, then use those provisions to share the information



If **NO**, then continue to the next step

## Is the threat serious?

(consider likelihood, severity of consequences and when threat might occur)

If **YES**, continue to the next step



If **NO**, you can't rely on the serious threat exception

Is it necessary to share the information to lessen or prevent the threat occurring?

(consider whether the information is relevant and whether the person receiving the information can do something to lessen the threat)

If **YES**, then you can share the information

If **NO**, you can't rely on the serious threat exception

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