

CHILD ABUSE



Working together to Safeguard Children





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Child abuse is any action by another person – adult or child – that causes significant harm to a child. It can be physical, sexual or emotional, but can just as often be about a lack of love, care and attention.

We know that neglect, whatever form it takes, can be just as damaging to a child as physical abuse.

There are 4 main categories of Child Abuse

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REPORT CHILD ABUSE



Every **2 SECONDS** child is abused.
5 out of every **6** cases of child abuse are **UNREPORTED.**

<http://www.coahc.org/childabuse.htm>

Neglect

Emotional



emotional/psychological criminal
social sexual verbal threats victim
assault physical financial

Sexual

Physical

Types of Child Maltreatment



- Physical abuse
- Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse and neglect
- Labor
- Trafficking
- Others

Child abuse. If you think it, report it.

Anything you notice can help a child at risk.

We all have a role to play in protecting children and young people from child abuse and neglect.

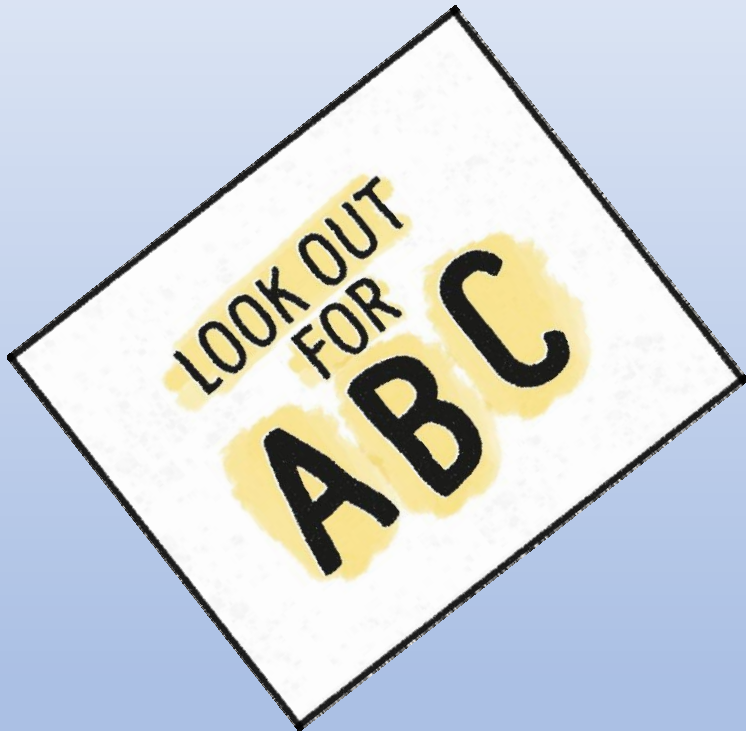
Many people do not act because they're worried about being wrong.

You don't have to be absolutely certain; if you're concerned a child is being abused or their safety is at risk, speak to someone.

Following these simple steps and reporting your concerns to your local council could provide the missing piece of information that is needed to keep a child safe.



To spot the signs of child abuse or neglect look out for changes in these characteristics.



- **Appearance:** such as unusual injuries or consistently poor hygiene.
- **Behaviour:** such as being withdrawn, overly anxious, disruptive or self-harming or any other sudden changes in behaviour.
- **Communication:** such as talking aggressively, using sexual language or becoming secretive.

You have a number of options when it comes to reporting abuse anonymously.

You can talk to:



- Your [local council](#)
- [NSPCC](#)
- The [police](#)

Your local council is there to help resolve your worries by following these four simple steps;



- Listening to your concerns.
- Gathering information.
- Assessing the whole picture.
- Deciding what action to take.