

Signs of *Emotional Abuse*

Emotional Abuse includes belittling a child, intimidation, unreasonable threats, aggression, excessive criticism, undermining the child and emotional blackmail.

Signs of Emotional Abuse

Child's Appearance

Signs may be less obvious than in other forms of abuse, behaviour is probably the best indication.

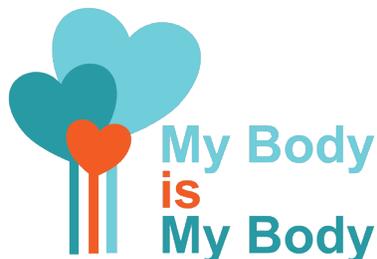
- ♥ Withdrawal from friends and social activities
- ♥ Frequent lateness or absence from school
- ♥ Loss of self esteem
- ♥ Defiant behaviour
- ♥ Changes in school performance



Let's keep children safe!

If you suspect Child Abuse, please follow your schools procedures for reporting abuse. If none are in place, please call your relevant Child Protection Services and get advice. They will listen to your concerns and take action on your behalf if a child is in danger.

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Signs of Neglect

Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs - includes not providing a safe home, food, clothing, or medical care, as well as leaving a young child alone or with someone who is not capable of looking after the child. This is the most common form of child abuse.



Signs of Neglect



Child's Appearance

- ♥ Poor Hygiene, dirty hair, body odour
- ♥ Clothes inappropriate for the weather
- ♥ In need of medical or dental care

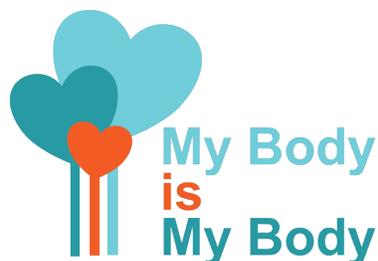
Child's Behaviour

- ♥ Often tired, no energy, lethargic
- ♥ Beggars or steals food
- ♥ Frequent lateness or absence from school
- ♥ Defiant behaviour
- ♥ Low self esteem

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Signs of *Physical Abuse*

Physical Abuse - any injury to a child that is not accidental (broken bones, bruises, cuts, burns, and other injuries) or any action which could seriously harm the child.



Signs of Physical Abuse



Child's Appearance

- ♥ Unusual bruises, welts, burns or fractures
- ♥ Bite marks
- ♥ Frequent injuries always explained as accidental
- ♥ If an explanation does not match the injury
- ♥ Wears long sleeves or other concealing clothing to hide injuries

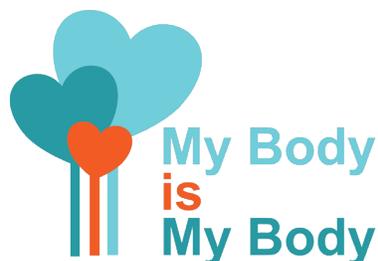
Child's Behaviour

- ♥ Unpleasant, hard to get along with
- ♥ Unusually shy, avoids other people
- ♥ May be too anxious to please
- ♥ Appears to be afraid of parents
- ♥ Show little or no distress at being separated from parents

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Signs of *Sexual Abuse*

Sexual Abuse - includes any type of sexual activity and inappropriate touching with a child including taking pornographic pictures.



Signs of Sexual Abuse



Child's Appearance

- ♥ Torn, stained, or bloody underclothing
- ♥ Experiences pain or itching in genital areas
- ♥ Has a sexually transmitted infection

Child's Behaviour

- ♥ Sexual behaviour or knowledge that is inappropriate for the child's age group
- ♥ Inappropriate sexual touching of other children
- ♥ Abrupt change in behaviour
- ♥ Extreme reluctance to be touched in any way

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