

Recognising and Reporting Child Abuse



1. If you think a child is being hurt, has been hurt, or might be hurt, you must tell someone/

This is the law.



2. This policy helps you:
 - Know what abuse looks like
 - Know what to do if you are worried about a child
 - Know how to report it



3. Types of Abuse

Physical Abuse: Hurting a child on purpose (like hitting or burning).

Emotional Abuse: Constantly making a child feel bad, scared, or unloved.
Like bullying



Neglect

4. Types of Abuse

Neglect: Not giving a child what they need (like food, clothes, or care).

Sexual Abuse: Using a child for sexual acts or showing them sexual things.



5. If you see or hear something that worries you, tell someone.

Report if you:

- Know a child is being hurt
- Believe a child is at risk.
- Are told something has happened



Chairperson

6. **You should tell:**

The National Children's Officer.

Designated Liaison Person (DLP): This is the Chairperson in your club



7. In the **Republic of Ireland**

Contact Tusla

In an **emergency**, call An Garda Síochána (Police) at 112 or 999.



Northern Health
and Social Care Trust

8. In **Northern Ireland**

Contact The Trust (HSCT)

In an **emergency**, call Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) at 999.



9. If a child tells you something

- Stay calm.
- Listen
- Don't promise to keep it a secret.
- Write down what they tell you



10. Keep it **private**

Only tell people who need to know.
This is to protect the child and their
privacy.