

SPOTTING THE SIGNS

If you think a child is being abused or you think their safety is at risk, then it is important to tell someone.

These are some potential signs of abuse and neglect



Frequent unexplained **injuries**



Consistently **poor hygiene**



Becoming **unusually secretive** and reluctant to share information



Unexplained gifts or possessions



A **parent regularly** collecting children from school when **drunk / on drugs**



Demanding or aggressive **behaviour**



Frequent lateness or **absence** from school



Avoiding their own family



A young person **misusing drugs** or **alcohol**



A child being **constantly tired**



Sexual or aggressive **language**



Self-harming



Being **overly obedient**

You don't have to be absolutely certain about whether a child is being abused. If you have a feeling that something's not right, talk to your local children's social care team who will look into it.

These are all signs of potential abuse or neglect.

Each of us has a role to play.

If you're worried about a child, visit [gov.uk/reportchildabuse](https://www.gov.uk/reportchildabuse)