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Child protection involves taking steps to safeguard children and young people at risk or suffering from physical, emotional or sexual abuse.

## What should you do if you think a child is being abused

**If you think you or the child is in immediate danger and needs urgent help, please call the police on 999.**

Please contact us if you are:

- Concerned that a child may be suffering physical, sexual or emotional abuse or is being neglected
- A child or young person and you are being abused or neglected
- A parent or carer and you feel you are harming your child or are close to doing so

### Members of the public

#### Telephone

0345 045 5203 (office hours)

01733 234 724 (out of hours)

#### Email

[MASH.C@\[email protected\]](mailto:MASH.C@[email protected])

If you are not a professional involved with the child or family, you do not have to give your name and your conversation will be treated confidentially.

### For Professionals

You can report a safeguarding concern on the Joint Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Safeguarding [Referral form \(https://www.cambslscb.co.uk/report-a-safeguarding-concern/\)](https://www.cambslscb.co.uk/report-a-safeguarding-concern/) and email to:

[MASH.C@\[email protected\]](mailto:MASH.C@[email protected])

#### Telephone:

0345 045 1362 (office hours)

01733 234 724 (out of hours)

Find out more about how the council delivers our [safeguarding services](#), and how they work alongside [District teams](#).

## What is Child Abuse?

A child may experience more than one type of abuse or neglect.

[+](#) Neglect

[+](#) Emotional abuse

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Domestic Abuse
- Child sexual exploitation
- Extremism and radicalisation

## Social care policies and procedures

[Cambridgeshire Local Safeguarding Children's Board \(http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lscb/\)](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lscb/) (LSCB) has a range of information for parents and for practitioners as well as more information about MASH and Early Help Hub.

[Procedures manual \(http://cambridgeshirescb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/contents.html\)](http://cambridgeshirescb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/contents.html)

## Further Information

Find out more about safeguarding people who may be susceptible to radicalisation on the [Let's talk about it website \(http://www.ltai.info/spotting-signs/\)](http://www.ltai.info/spotting-signs/).

You can also get advice and help from [NSPCC \(https://www.nspcc.org.uk/\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/) for all concerns around abuse and neglect, and from [Stop It Now! \(http://www.stopitnow.org.uk/\)](http://www.stopitnow.org.uk/) for concerns around sexual abuse.

Children and young people can also contact [Childline \(http://www.childline.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx\)](http://www.childline.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx) for support and [Youthoria \(http://www.youthoria.org/\)](http://www.youthoria.org/) for more information and local contacts.

[Worried about an adult or older person?](#)

[Supporting a child who has witnessed domestic abuse \(http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/parenting/185992\)](http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/parenting/185992)