

PROJECT: CHILD ABUSE AND THE LAW

According to studies, more than 40 % of all young people in South Africa have been victims of abuse of some kind during a stage of their lives. According to the latest crime statistics, 319 children were murdered in South Africa between October 2022 and December 2022, while a further 2039 were victims of physical assault. Most of these children were harmed by people who were known to them and were supposed to protect them.

South Africa has excellent laws and initiatives to prevent violence against children. However, without enforcement, these laws and policies are worthless. The abuse of children has a devastating impact on the abused children and on society.

It is the duty of all citizens to report child abuse to the necessary authorities.

Furthermore, The Children Act 38 of 2005 makes it mandatory for people in certain professions to report abuse to the Police and Department of Social Development. This category of professional people includes Teachers, Medical Practitioners, Volunteers, Social Workers, and Correctional Officials.

WHAT CONSTITUES ABUSE?

Abuse of a child can be any form of harm or ill-treatment deliberately inflicted on a child and includes the following:

- Physical abuse (injuries, bruises, fractures, burns, bite marks, etc.).
- Sexual abuse (sexually abusing a child or allowing a child to be sexually abused).
- Child neglect (failure to provide a child with basic needs such as food, clothes, shelter, medical care, and love).
- Exploitation (which includes but is not limited to child labour, trafficking, and online abuse).
- Psychological abuse (threats, constant criticism, rejection, withholding love, support, guidance).

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF ABUSE?

Victims of child abuse very often suffer from the following:

- Unexplained injuries.
- Aggressive behaviour towards other people.
- Emotional outbursts.
- Withdrawn or clingy behaviour.
- Signs of anxiety.
- Delays in development.
- Knowledge of inappropriate behaviour for their age.
- Running away or going missing.
- Lack of social skills.
- No or only a few friends.

RISK FACTORS:

- Abuse often results from socio-economic issues like unemployment, drug abuse, alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and poverty.
- Other abuse causes are lack of parenting skills, mental illness, low self-confidence, stress, and lack of support.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU SUSPECT THE ABUSE OF A CHILD?

Report the matter to the Police or Child Welfare South Africa.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Child Welfare of South Africa Contact Number: +27 87 822 1516 Email address: national@welfaresa.org.za

Childline National Contact Number: (031) 201-2059 Email address: <u>admin@childlinesa.org.za</u>

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