

CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFETY

June 2018

158,921 Reports of Concern to Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children.

38,975 Reports of Concern requiring further action by Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children

In New Zealand in year to June 2017.

Studies have shown that 46% and 69% of adults abused as children never disclosed it in their childhood

-Child Matters

There are 4 types of Abuse

Neglect

failure to provide for a child's basic needs

Emotional

Emotional abuse occurs when a child's emotional, psychological or social well-being and sense of worth is continually battered.

Physical

Physical abuse can be caused from punching, beating, kicking, shaking, biting, burning or throwing the child.

Sexual

Sexual abuse includes acts or behaviours where an adult, older or more powerful person uses a child for a sexual purpose. In the News...

February 2018. .

A debate in the news as child becomes upset with men undressing in the changing rooms at the Lido.

November 2017

A mother and stepfather in the Manawatu found guilty of 6 years of emotional abuse and neglect by not giving a child food and clothes.

May 2018

A Palmerston North man found guilty of physical and sexual abuse of his son and wife

***DON'T THINK
"WHAT IF I AM
WRONG?"
THINK "WHAT
IF I AM
RIGHT?"***

If you are concerned;

IMMEDIATE DANGER: Call 111

SERIOUS CONCERN Call Oranga Tamariki on 0508 326 459 (Free call)

CONCERNED / NOT SURE—Call Cheryl Palmer on 0211306716

In this role.. What might I need to watch for:

Physical— Unexplained bruises, marks in odd places, someone trying to cover their body in clothes that is unusual for polo, sometimes flinching from contact. Behaviour of adults around a child.

Sexual— Behaviours that either shy away from adults or are overly sexual, excessive touching of genitals, trying to make themselves unattractive. Watch for behaviours of adults—over protective, inappropriate behaviour, jealousy of others with child.

Emotional—Severe differences in mood, dressed differently to the rest of the family, may seek attention too much. Adults behaviours could include name calling or humiliation of the child in your presence.

Neglect—Left unattended for too long, may steal food, be attention seeking, poor hygiene, physical

A Note on Bullying—Bullying is consistent use of behaviour to dominate others. It can be a form of abuse. KEY MESSAGE—Be Careful that your behaviour is not seen to be bullying, challenge other youngsters and adults if you are uncomfortable with their behaviour.

Keep yourself safe:

Do not get into a situation where you are alone with a child.

Be careful with your language and coaching styles. Consider whether anything you do could be viewed as coercion or bullying.

Know the ages of the people in your team, squad. Know medical conditions.

Be careful of alcohol consumption around young people. .

Ensure you have emergency contact details for all under 16s.

If you are uncomfortable in any situation, find another adult and talk it through. Call me!

If a young person ever confides in you:

DO NOT Question further—just allow them to talk

Say you will keep a secret—you can't!

Do

Listen carefully. As soon as possible write down what you hear

Consider child's safety as act if needed.

What would you do? Let's discuss

1. At training one night you notice a series of bruises on the upper legs of one of your young players?
2. You witness two parents coming into the pool to pick up their child. They are each carrying a pre-schooler. They are arguing loudly. You look out of the window and the children are forcibly placed in the car. You see the pre-schoolers looking out the rear window.
3. After a particularly niggly game you witness parents of a child you know approach a child in the same team. You hear what is said and think to yourself "If a player called me that on the water, they would be yellow carded"
4. You have had some concerns about one of your teenage players you know for some time. You are expecting them at training and they usually message you if not coming but they do not come for 2 weeks.