



The Signs of Child Abuse

Child abuse takes many forms with the signs manifesting themselves in assorted manners. We have detailed just some of the indicators below - looking out for them may offer you the opportunity to intervene and aid a child in need.

Any injury with no valid explanation

These injuries can range from bruises to a broken bone. If no valid explanation is given it could be a sign of abuse.



Serious injuries that haven't been seen by a GP or hospital

Asking the child if they have been to see the doctor is key to establishing whether care has been neglected.



Injuries on parts of the body not normally at risk in general games and play

Key areas to keep an eye on are the torso and above the thigh, and look out for multiple scattered injuries rather than in one place.



Jumpiness, edginess, or being generally fearful

This could be a sign of something more sinister, suggesting the child may be afraid of people close to them.



Very afraid of getting into trouble

This could be a sign they are afraid of abusive consequences.



Overly eager to please

This could range from saying yes to everything, to being by your side all day.



If you spot any of the above signs, please visit:
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>