

DIFFERENT FORMS OF CHILD ABUSE

Learn the difference from our mental health experts and interviews.



PSYCHOLOGICAL

What is it?

Calling names, shouting, belittling, forgetting to care and ignoring the child's need for love, warmth and security.

Effects on child

extremity in behavior, delayed in physical or emotional development and inappropriately infantile (e.g., frequently rocking or head-banging).

Neglect

Through denying basic needs such as physical, medical, educational or emotional inattention. Includes abandonment with no regard of safety and health for the child.

Sexual violence

Sexual contact which an adult forces upon a child. From fondling a child's genitals, penetration, incest, rape, sodomy, indecent exposure, and exploitation through prostitution or pornographic material.



PHYSICAL

What is it?

physical injury includes punching, beating, kicking, biting, shaking, throwing, stabbing, choking, hitting (with a hand, stick, strap, or other object), burning, and spanking.

Effects on child

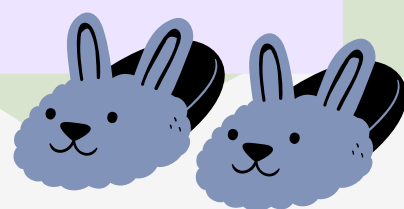
Unexplained physical injuries, absences from school, erratic mood swings such as depressed, withdrawn or aggressive and changes in eating and sleeping habits.

Corporal Punishment

Any punishment in which physical force is used and intended to cause acute pain such as whipping, caning and smacking with and without external objects.

Shaking

When a baby is forcefully shaken, their fragile brain moves back and forth inside the skull. This causes bruising, swelling and bleeding and cause them to become brain dead or disabled for life.



Extra note

There may be some discrepancies with some of the terms as some countries and cultures have different definitions.