

Always report it

Child abuse is something we must all try and prevent.

If you suspect that a child or young person is being abused, neglected, mistreated, or in any danger you must take action to stop it.

Report your concerns.

In an emergency call the Police on 999

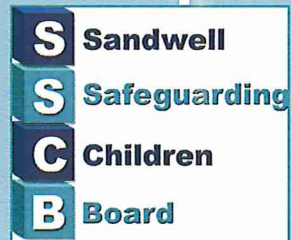
To report suspected abuse contact Sandwell Council ACCESS on **0845 351 0131**

A Police Officer or Social Worker will follow up every report where they think a child may be at risk of harm.

They will talk to other people who know the child and may be able to provide more information. This may be the child's family, teacher, and health visitor.

After this one of three things will happen:

1. No further action will be taken
2. Help and support will be offered to the family
3. An investigation will take place



We safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in Sandwell

For more information on Sandwell Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) visit our website at

www.sandwellscb.org.uk

Email us at

lscb_sandwell@sandwell.gov.uk

Or call the SSCB Business Unit on **0121 569 4800**



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Not all children enjoy happy childhood experiences within their own family.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Everyone who comes into contact with children and families in their everyday work has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

We ensure that agencies work together by coordinating and monitoring local work.

Physical Abuse could be any injury such as cuts, bruises, burns, scalds or broken bones that have not happened by accident. This can also include the shaking of babies. It can also be when someone deliberately induces illness in a child.

Emotional Abuse is making a child feel worthless, unloved, frightened, or in danger,

Sexual Abuse is when a child is made to take part in, or watch, sexual activities or pornographic material. Child sexual exploitation is also abuse.

Neglect is when a child is not fed or clothed properly, not taken to the doctors when they are unwell, or when they are left with unsuitable caregivers or placed in dangerous situations.

What else do we do?

We raise awareness within the community about safeguarding children and young people from harm, ill treatment, neglect, exploitation, or abuse.

We provide training for both statutory and voluntary organisations

We produce policies and procedures, and also help other organisations produce theirs.

We offer guidance to anyone working or volunteering with children.

Sandwell Safeguarding Children Board is a multi-agency board which safeguards and promotes the welfare of children and young people in Sandwell.

We work with staff, volunteers, carers, families, members of the public, and children and young people in our community to make sure our children and young people are as safe from harm as possible.



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