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## Signs of abuse

Do you think that a child you know is being abused? Some signs to watch for include:

- unexplained bruises, cuts, burns, scars, sprains or broken bones;
- frequent "accidents" with questionable explanations;
- major changes in behaviour;
- exposure to family violence;
- running away from home and not wanting to return;
- repeatedly sick;
- sudden weight loss or weight gain;
- increased social problems at school; and
- unusual knowledge of sexual behaviour for the child's age.

These things can have other causes, but they may be signs of child abuse. If you have reason to believe that a child is being abused, you have a duty to report it.

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