

Recognising signs of Neglect

Neglect is the persistent failure to meet a child's basic and essential needs.

Children need adequate food, water, shelter, warmth, protection and health care and they need their carers to be attentive, dependable and kind.

There are many signs that may indicate [neglect](#). If your instincts tell you that something is wrong, then you should take action and follow your Setting Safeguarding Procedure.

The [Neglect toolkit](#) and [Neglect toolkit - children with additional needs](#) provide a framework for good practice around the early identification and signs of neglect.

If you have any concerns, you MUST speak to your Manager or Child Protection Lead Officer and follow the Setting Safeguarding Procedure.



Further reading:

- What to do if you're worried a child is being abused ([Child abuse concerns - guide for practitioners](#))
- www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2
- SSCP: [Southampton Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)
- Neglect Toolkit (including Neglect Toolkit for children with SEN): [Neglect toolkit](#)
- www.nspcc.org.uk
- [Safeguarding and welfare \(southampton.gov.uk\)](http://Safeguarding and welfare (southampton.gov.uk))