

Types of child abuse

Type of abuse	Example
<p>Sexual abuse/sexual misconduct Any sexual act or sexual threat imposed on a child or young person.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestive behaviour, inappropriate touching. • Voyeuristically watching an athlete shower or change clothes.
<p>Physical abuse Non-accidental injury and/or harm to a child or young person, caused by another person such as a parent, care-giver or even an older child.</p>	<p>Physically punishing a young person for losing a game by hitting, throwing equipment, pushing or shoving.</p>
<p>Emotional abuse Behaviours that may psychologically harm a child or young person.</p>	<p>Threatening language, bullying, ridicule, personal abuse and comments designed to demean and humiliate.</p>
<p>Neglect Failing to provide a child or young person with basic physical and emotional necessities, harming them or putting them at risk of harm.</p>	<p>Keeping the best young player on-field to win the game despite having an injury or making children play in excessive heat.</p>

Definitions of child abuse may vary between states and territories. Contact your child protection agency for more information.