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- 2) Sexual Abuse
- 3) Emotional Abuse
- 4) Neglect

### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO END THE ABUSE?

We all have a duty under the law to report any suspected Child abuse or Neglect and all reports are anonymous. If you feel confused about what you have observed and are asking, “is it child abuse or neglect”?, or if you need support in making a report, you can get support from Squamish Nation Ayas Men Men Child & Family Services Department.

### To report abuse / neglect

Contact Ministry of Children and Family Development or discuss any concerns relating to abuse / neglect:

- North Shore (604) 981-0008
- Squamish Valley (604) 892-1400

### LOOKING FOR SUPPORT SERVICES?

Contact Squamish Nation Ayas Men Men Child and Family Services Department

- North Vancouver office (604) 985-4111
- Squamish Valley (604) 892-5975.

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# SQUAMISH NATION

## AYAS MEN MEN CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

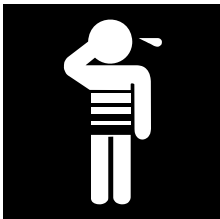


The purpose of the Squamish Nation Ayas Men Men Child and Family Services Program is to protect and strengthen the family and to provide peace to the children of the Squamish Nation. This is achieved by ensuring that the children have a life free of violence and substance abuse; that they receive proper health and family care, and that they have safety, protection, security, love, guidance, spirituality, harmony, healing and respect in their lives. Child and Family Services equips children and their families with life skills, education, and training in the Squamish language, cultural, social and family tradition. *The children are the future, let's protect and cherish them.*

### Child Abuse Prevention

#### WHAT IS CHILD ABUSE?

Child abuse consists of any act or failure to act that endangers a child's physical, emotional or mental health and development. A person caring for a child is considered abusive if he or she fails to nurture the child, physically harms the child or relates sexually to the child.



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Other types of child abuse include exploitation, or child labor or any other use of a child that detracts from their own physical, mental, social development and well being.

**Physical Abuse** – Physical Abuse is any non-accidental physical injury to a child. The injury may be the result of any assault on a child's body, for example: *beating, whipping, punching or hitting. pushing, shaking, kicking or throwing. pinching, biting, choking or burning, slapping, or spanking.*

**Sexual Abuse** – Any sexual act between an adult and a child is considered sexual abuse, for example: *fondling, touching or exposing genitals Penetration, intercourse, incest or rape. child pornography or prostitution*



**Emotional Abuse** – An attitude, behavior or failure to act on the part of the caregiver that interferes with a child's mental health or social development, for example: *Ignoring, rejecting or belittling, shaming or humiliating, yelling, screaming, threatening or blaming, name-calling or using extreme punishments.*

**Neglect** – Neglect is failure to provide for the

child's basic or necessary needs to survive. The three types of neglect are physical, educational and emotional, for example: *No food, housing or clothes, lack of supervision or abandonment, denial of medical care or hygiene, failure to enroll in school, not providing psychological care, continuous use of drugs/alcohol in presence of the child. Drug/alcohol use that directly results in any of the above forms of child abuse or neglect. ie. No money left to buy food for children because it was spent on drugs or alcohol.*



#### What are the signs and symptoms?

If you suspect a child is being abused, but are not sure, pay attention to the following physical and behavioral signs. Unexplained burns, cuts or bruises. Anti-social behaviors or fears. Lack of concentration. Poor performance in school. Hostility. Eating disorders. Nightmares or bedwetting. Self-injury. Inappropriate interest in sex. Poor hygiene (dirty, no clothes).

#### What are the effects of the Abuse

The child may suffer from short or long term effects from this abuse. The child may lie, be afraid and be angry instead of loving, trusting and listening. The child may alienate themselves from the family. The child may have low self-esteem. The child may experience a high level of anxiety, depression, substance abuse, medical problems or difficulty at school or work. The psychological and social development of a child may be impaired. The child may have a distorted or abnormal view of what sex is. As a teenager or adult they have difficulty establishing intimate personal relationships. As an adult the abused child may become the offender.