

EARLY INDICATORS OF VULNERABILITIES

The presence of these factors does not mean that child abuse or neglect will occur, but practitioners should use their professional judgement to assess their significance in a particular child or family.

- ### Family stressors
- Housing stress
 - Family conflict or violence
 - Social or cultural isolation
 - Financial stress
 - Substance misuse
 - Mental health issues
 - Emotional volatility
 - Parental unemployment
 - Child perceived as problem by parents
 - Single or young parents

- ### Child vulnerabilities
- Suboptimal health
 - Social isolation
 - Developmental delay
 - Malnutrition/obesity
 - Low birth weight
 - Mental or emotional issues
 - Temperament or behavioural concerns
 - Disability

**More information required
(Document all information)**

Consult internally eg line manager, family services, social worker

Not at risk but may need local support

If local child expertise not available contact CHILD FIRST for advice

**Concern for Child's wellbeing.
CHILD AT RISK**

Signs of a low to moderate adverse impact on the child, and the immediate safety of the child is not compromised.

What is my responsibility?

What information do I need to make a referral?

SUPPORT OR ADVICE IS REQUIRED

**Contact CHILD FIRST
1800 260 338**

CHILD FIRST conducts further assessment

CHILD FIRST advises report to CHILD PROTECTION

REASONABLE BELIEF OF CURRENT ABUSE AND/OR NEGLECT

Signs that a child is experiencing abuse or neglect.

What is my responsibility?

What information do I need to make a referral?

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED

**Contact
CHILD PROTECTION
1300 664 977
A/H 131 278**

**If the child's immediate safety is compromised contact
VIC POLICE '000'**

Seek advice or make a referral in line with your organisations' policy