

# Keeping our kids safe

## Resources guide

### What is reportable conduct?

In NSW, reportable conduct is a sexual offence, sexual misconduct, ill-treatment of a child, neglect of a child, an assault against a child, an offence of failing to reduce or remove risk of child becoming victim of child abuse by another worker, or of concealing a child abuse offence (43B or 316A of the Crimes Act 1900) and behaviour that causes significant emotional or psychological harm to a child. For further information go to [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/childsafe](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/childsafe)

### Examples might include:

- Sexual assault of a child, or a child grooming offence, by a teacher or a volunteer (including before they started work/volunteering);
  - A teacher or a volunteer pushing or hitting a child; or
  - Domestic violence or assault offences committed in the presence of a child
- allegations that a teacher or a volunteer was looking at pornography, making sexualised comments, or had sexually explicit communication with students (beyond reasonable sex education purposes).

### What is mandatory reporting?

Mandatory reporting refers to the legal requirement of certain groups of people to report a reasonable belief of child physical or sexual abuse to child protection authorities. The Child Family Community Australia (CFCA) Resource Sheet can be found at <http://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/cfca-resource-sheet/reporting-child-abuse-and-neglect>

### Examples might include:

- Suspicion on reasonable grounds, obtained during the course of or from the person's work, that a child is at risk of significant harm because of the presence to a significant extent of circumstances of: neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, psychological abuse, risk of harm through exposure to domestic violence, and failure to engage with services after a pre-natal report.
- Abuse and neglect types that must be reported (physical abuse • sexual abuse emotional/psychological abuse • neglect • exposure to domestic violence)

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