

Child abuse or neglect type code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	455468
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Recorded 19/08/2011 Children and Families , Standard 22/11/2016
Definition:	A code set representing types of abuse or neglect towards a child.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Physical abuse
	2	Sexual abuse
	3	Emotional abuse
	4	Neglect
Supplementary values:	97	Not applicable
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 1 Physical abuse
	Any non-accidental physical act inflicted upon a child by a person having the care of a child.
	CODE 2 Sexual abuse
	Any act by a person having the care of the child which exposes a child to, or involves a child in, sexual processes beyond his or her understanding or contrary to accepted community standards.
	CODE 3 Emotional abuse
	Any act by a person having the care of a child that results in the child suffering any kind of significant emotional deprivation or trauma.
	CODE 4 Neglect
	Any serious omissions or commissions by a person having the care of a child which, within the bounds of cultural tradition, constitute a failure to provide conditions which are essential for the healthy, physical and emotional development of a child.
Comments:	These categories may be used in different ways by different jurisdictions, depending on the state or territories' own definitions, policies and practices. In addition, a child subject to abuse and neglect may be subject to more than one type of abuse and neglect (for example, sexual abuse is often also associated with emotional abuse).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Abuse and neglect type code N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005

Data elements implementing this value domain:

- [Child protection notification—other type of abuse substantiated, code N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011
- [Child protection notification—substantiated primary type of abuse, code N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011
- [Child—other type of abuse or neglect, code N\[N\]](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 11/05/2023
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011
- [Child—other type of abuse or neglect, code N\[N\]](#)
[Children and Families](#), Standard 11/05/2023
- [Child—primary type of abuse or neglect, code N\[N\]](#)
[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011