

Child abuse or neglect type code N[N]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	455468
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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										
Permissible values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Physical abuse</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Sexual abuse</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Emotional abuse</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Neglect</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	1	Physical abuse	2	Sexual abuse	3	Emotional abuse	4	Neglect
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Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>CODE 1 Physical abuse</p> <p>Any non-accidental physical act inflicted upon a child by a person having the care of a child.</p> <p>CODE 2 Sexual abuse</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CODE 3 Emotional abuse</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CODE 4 Neglect</p> <p>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.</p>
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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

Steward: [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

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—other type of abuse or neglect, code N\[N\]](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Candidate 19/08/2011

[Child—primary type of abuse or neglect, code N\[N\]](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Candidate 19/08/2011