

Child protection notification—substantiated primary type of abuse, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Substantiated primary type of abuse
METEOR identifier:	455526
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Recorded 19/08/2011 [Non Dictionary]
Definition:	The most serious type abuse or neglect substantiated by the officer investigating the child protection notification, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Child protection notification—substantiated primary type of abuse
Value Domain:	Child abuse or neglect type code N[N]

Value domain attributes

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

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Where more than one type of abuse or neglect or harm has occurred, this data element refers to the type most likely to be the most severe in the short term or most likely to place the child at risk in the short term, or if such an assessment is not possible, the most obvious form of abuse or neglect.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Performance and Data Working Group**Origin:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2010. Child protection and support services National Minimum Data Set, data collection manual for the 2010 pilot collection. AIHW: Canberra.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Child protection notification—other type of abuse substantiated.code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011