

Child—other type of abuse or neglect, code N[N]

Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

© Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2024

This product, excluding the AIHW logo, Commonwealth Coat of Arms and any material owned by a third party or protected by a trademark, has been released under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) licence. Excluded material owned by third parties may include, for example, design and layout, images obtained under licence from third parties and signatures. We have made all reasonable efforts to identify and label material owned by third parties.

You may distribute, remix and build on this website's material but must attribute the AIHW as the copyright holder, in line with our attribution policy. The full terms and conditions of this licence are available at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>.

Enquiries relating to copyright should be addressed to info@aihw.gov.au.

Enquiries or comments on the METEOR metadata or download should be directed to the METEOR team at meteor@aihw.gov.au.

Child—other type of abuse or neglect, code N[N]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Other type of abuse or neglect (child protection)
Synonymous names:	Substantiated other type of abuse (physical); Substantiated other type of abuse (sexual); Substantiated other type of abuse (emotional); Substantiated other type of abuse (neglect)
METEOR identifier:	773515
Registration status:	Children and Families , Standard 11/05/2023
Definition:	Other type of abuse or neglect, other than the primary type, that has caused, or is likely to cause, injury or harm to a child, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Child—other type of abuse or neglect
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:	<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>
Comments:	<p>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).</p>

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:	This item refers to other types of abuse or neglect, other than the primary type.
Collection methods:	<p>Codes 1-4 or 99 'Not stated/ inadequately described' should only be used for records with a code 1 'Substantiated' for Child protection notification—investigation status, code N[N]. Code 97 'Not applicable' should be recorded for all other investigation outcomes.</p> <p>Record all codes that apply.</p>
Comments:	National data do not distinguish between substantiations for actual harm and those for risk of future harm.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Steward:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2012-13. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

**Related metadata
references:**

Supersedes [Child—other type of abuse or neglect, code N\[N\]](#)
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 11/05/2023
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011

See also [Child—primary type of abuse or neglect, code N\[N\]](#)
[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011

**Implementation in Data Set
Specifications:**

[Notifications, investigations, and substantiations \(NIS\) file cluster](#)
[Children and Families](#), Standard 11/05/2023

Conditional obligation:

Only to be used when more than one type of abuse has been identified.

DSS specific information:

Four separate data items are used to collect the other types of abuse identified as part of the substantiation: physical abuse (cell number 15); sexual abuse (cell number 16); emotional abuse (cell number 17); and neglect (cell number 18).

[Safety in care \(SC\) file cluster](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 11/05/2023

Conditional obligation:

Only to be used when more than one type of abuse has been identified.

DSS specific information:

Four separate data items are used to collect the other types of abuse identified as part of the substantiation: physical abuse (cell number 11); sexual abuse (cell number 12); emotional abuse (cell number 13); and neglect (cell number 14).