

# Abuse or neglect type code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	784340
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Qualified 17/01/2024</a>
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing types of abuse or neglect.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Physical abuse
	2	Sexual abuse
	3	Emotional/psychological abuse
	4	Neglect
	5	Financial abuse
	8	Other
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 1 Physical abuse**

Choose this code for any deliberate act resulting in physical pain or injury, including physical coercion and physical or chemical restraint.

Examples include hitting, slapping, pushing and rough handling. It also includes medication-related abuse such as over-medicating or inappropriately administering medication.

**CODE 2 Sexual abuse**

Choose this code for any behaviour of a sexual nature that makes someone feel uncomfortable, frightened, intimidated or threatened. It is sexual behaviour that someone has not agreed to, and/or when another person uses physical or emotional force against them.

Includes where a person is coerced into unwanted sexual activity or is unable to give consent due to intoxication, being unconscious or asleep or not having the cognitive capacity to consent.

**CODE 3 Emotional/psychological abuse**

Choose this code for the infliction of mental stress through actions and threats that cause feelings of powerlessness; isolation; fears of violence; fear of or actual deprivation; or feelings of shame.

Includes coercive control, threats of physical violence, threats of withholding affection, overriding or hijacking the decision making of the person.

Includes abuse of a spiritual nature such as denial of access to regular spiritual practices or networks and/or use of spiritual or religious beliefs and practices to control and dominate a person, damage their spiritual experience or isolate them.

Includes abuse of a social nature such as forcing a person to, or preventing them from having contact with friends, family, services providers or other people, or accessing social activities of choice.

**CODE 4 Neglect**

Choose this code for the failure of a caregiver or responsible person to provide the necessities of life. Neglect may be intentional or unintentional. Includes self-neglect.

Includes physical and psychological necessities such as nutrition, adequate hygiene, accommodation, and safety. Includes withholding medication.

**CODE 5 Financial abuse**

Choose this code for the improper or illegal use of a person's money, property, or other assets.

Includes mismanagement of a person's money, property or resources. Also includes where the person has been coerced into changing their will or signing over their rights or possessions. Includes pressuring a person to give away money without intention to repay it.

**CODE 8 Other**

Choose this code for any type of abuse not covered above.

**CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described**

Choose this code where the information is not stated or otherwise inadequately described.

**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:** [Abuse event—abuse and neglect type, code N](#)  
[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#), Qualified 17/01/2024