

CHILD ABUSE

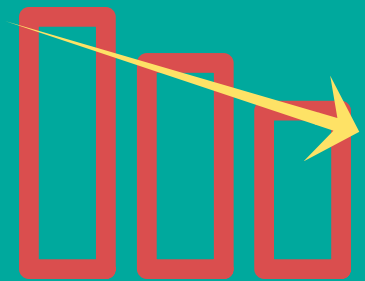
PREVALENCE



1 child every 13 mins

suffers abuse or neglect in Australia

Prevalence decreases with age, highest rate among infants



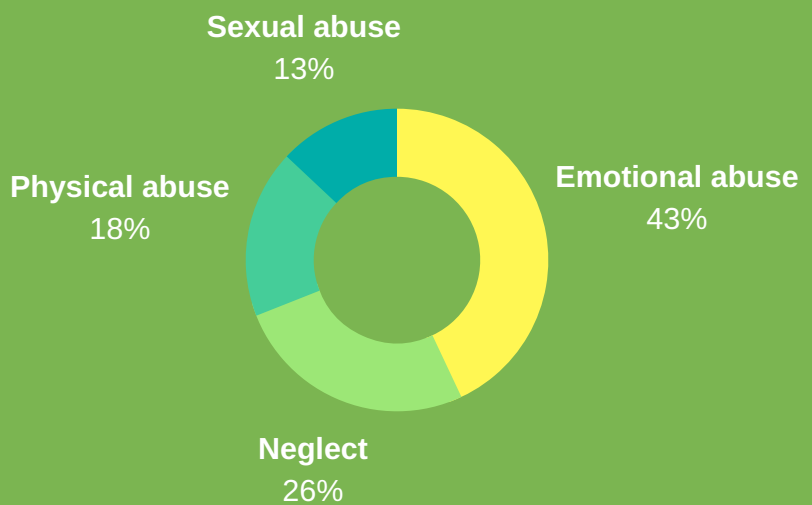
EXPERIENCE



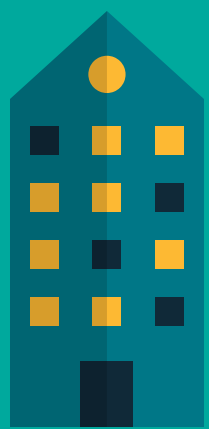
More likely to experience physical, emotional abuse, and neglect



Twice as likely to experience sexual abuse



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are more likely to experience child abuse



43,400 children and young people live in out of home care

More than half under age 9



IMPACT

INDICATORS OF ABUSE

- Unexpected bruises
- Presence of STI's
- Substance abuse
- Physical signs of self-harm
- Speech disorders
- Pregnancy
- Malnutrition
- Poor hygiene



- Distrust of adults
- Aggressive behaviour
- Sleeping difficulty
- Overly obedient
- Inappropriate clothing

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