

What is Neglect?



Solihull
Safeguarding
Children Partnership

A Child needs:

Food, Water, Shelter, Clothing, Sleep

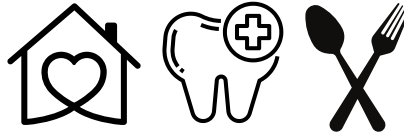
Good Physical and Emotional Health, Education, Family and Friends

Someone who cares for them, knows where they are & puts them first

What does it look like if a child's needs aren't met?

Here are some examples. This is a guide only, but if you feel some of these examples fit with your concerns, it is best to get help at the earliest opportunity.

Physical needs not met



Lack of a good balanced diet of the foods and drinks needed to enable growth and development such as fruit and vegetables, water, milk... or any special dietary requirements.

Home

Not having somewhere to live or feel safe because of clutter or the need for repairs. Not having somewhere appropriately heated and clean to sleep.

Clothing

Not having suitable clothing for all weathers, that fit and are clean.

Hygiene

Being untidy/scruffy & smelly.

Not having washing /bathing and toothbrushing materials and routines.

Health

Not been taken to health appointments such as the dentist, opticians and doctors or receiving treatment that is needed when unwell or hurt.

Exercise

Not being encouraged to take part in physical activity.

Emotional needs not met



Affection

Not provided with warmth, regularity, and dependable affection, not asked how they feel or provided with the opportunities for them to be with and talk to parent or carer i.e. receive cuddles, and advice and support.

Feeling belittled, humiliated, blamed for circumstances and situations beyond their understanding.

Support & guidance

Parent/carer not being available for a child during their difficulties or illness; i.e. bereavement of a relative/ pet/friend.

Parent/carer not spending time with a child, leaving them alone for long periods of time.

Parent/carer not making time for each individual child, without needing to be asked to.

Safety needs not met



Safety for the right age & stage

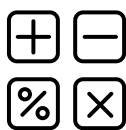
Parent/carer is not considering age-appropriate safety needs in or outside of the home, i.e. parent not engaging in teaching road safety, not supervising age and stage appropriate internet and gaming access and applying parental control restrictions.

Parent/carer is allowing unsafe visitors to regularly attend the home.

Parent/carer is under the influence of alcohol or substances and although present, unable to supervise & keep a child safe.

Parent/carer is leaving a child alone or with people who are unsafe or unsuitable or abandoning a child or excluding them from their home.

Development needs not met



Sense of self

Not enabled to explore the world and encouraged to learn and form their own likes, dislikes, views, and opinions.

Not provided with opportunities for children to try new things or meet new people.

Education

Not enabled to attend nursery or school, or provided with appropriate alternative learning opportunities.

No age-appropriate toys and books to read and play with. Not enabling age-appropriate socialising and interaction with positive peers, wider family & community.

Parental support

Does not listen to a child's feelings or experiences.

Leaves a child feeling frustrated, suspicious, withdrawn or with a lack of confidence.

Does not taken an interest in the child's learning journey.

Support & boundaries

Provided with no discipline or boundaries at all, or discipline and boundaries that are harmful and disrespectful to the child or others.

If you suspect a child is a risk of Neglect, you can call **0121 788 4300** (Solihull MASH) or **0800 800 5000** (NSPCC).

If you are a child or parent for more information visit the **NSPCC**.

If you are a professional, click here for the **SSCP Website** and here for **SSCP Training**.