

Worried about a child

Working together to Safeguard Children in Bolton



Where do you fit in?
How can you help?
What can you do?

What do children need from their parents?

- All children need love, security, trust, warmth, food, adequate clothing. The confidence to know their parents and carers will not harm them

Which children are in need of protection?

- A child in need of protection is a child who is suffering, or at risk of suffering, physical, sexual or emotional abuse, or who is vulnerable to mistreatment and neglect
- This may lead to their health, development and happiness being badly affected.



THESE CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP

Whose responsibility is it to protect children?



What should I do if I think a child may be in need of protection?

It is important you contact someone to talk about your worries. This could be a social worker, health visitor, teacher, doctor - anyone who you feel may be able to help - they will listen...

Who should I contact?

Ideally you should contact a duty social worker to discuss your concerns.

Some addresses and telephone numbers are on the back of this leaflet - if possible contact the area office closest to you.

Do I have to give my name?

No. You can report a concern without giving your details.

However, leaving your details in strictest confidence can help everyone concerned - especially the child or young person you are worried about. If you are worried about this – talk it over with the duty social worker.

What happens next?

- Someone will follow up each report where it is believed a child may be in need of help, support or protection.
- If necessary, Social Workers will talk with the child and family to hear what they have to say.
- They will talk to people who know the child such as Schools or Nurseries to hear their view.

After this several things could happen;

- Children's Services will continue to be helpful to the child and support will be offered if needed
- Children's Services will try and get the right service to the child and their family

Help us to Help them Your call CAN make a difference

- If the child is suffering or is likely to suffer abuse or neglect, a Child Protection Investigation will take place





Childrens Services – Referral & Assessment Team

North District

Endeavour House
Waters Meeting Road,
Bolton, BL1 8SW
01204 337400

Areas Covered

Astley Bridge, Bradshaw, Brightmet,
Bromley Cross, Darcy Lever, Dunscar,
Eagley, Egerton, Hall I'th Wood,
Halliwell, Tonge Fold, Tonge Moor.

South District

Farnworth Town Hall, Market Street,
Farnworth, Bolton, BL4 7PD
01204 337729

Areas Covered

Burnden, Darcy Lever, Daubhill, Deane,
Farnworth, Great Lever, Harper Green,
Kearsley, Little Lever, Moses Gate,
Morris Green, Stoneclough

West District

Westhoughton Town Hall, Market Street,
Westhoughton, Bolton BL5 3AW
01942 634625
01942 634587

Areas Covered

Blackrod, Deane, Derby, Great Lever,
Halliwell, Heaton, Horwich, Hulton Park,
Lostock, Smithills, Westhoughton.

Emergency Duty Team

Out of Hours Service
01204 337777

Other useful contacts

Health

The Safeguarding Team
Avondale Health Centre,
Avondale Street, Bolton BL1 4JP
01204 463388

Police

0161 872 5050
Or 999 in an Emergency

Fortalice

For Women Experiencing
Domestic Violence
01204 701846

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