What is Sexual Abuse?

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Sexual abuse is a serious crime.

It is when another person makes you do sexual things which you don't want to do, or pressures you into doing them.

This can include rape, indecent exposure, and sexual harassment.

It can also include someone looking at you or touching you in places that you do not want them to.

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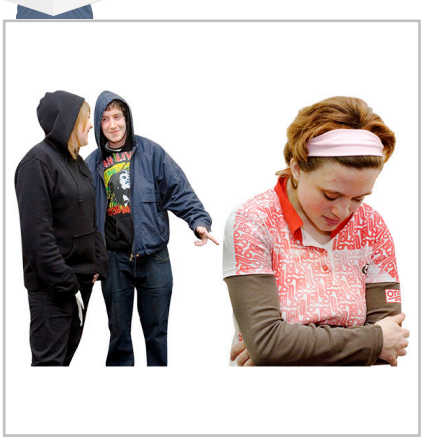

It could include sexual teasing or jokes.

It may include taking photographs of you which make you feel uncomfortable or making you watch and look at sexual images and film.

Sometimes, a girl or a woman's genitals (private parts) are cut or damaged because of a person's culture and beliefs. This is called Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and is a serious crime.

Sexual abuse is wrong, so if you think you have seen it please tell us about it.
The Safeguarding Team work with other organisations to help keep Adults safe.

Signs and Symptoms of sexual abuse?

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They may have cuts, bruises and marks on their body.
They may be sore or have blood on their private areas.
They may have clothing that is torn or has blood stains on them.

They may struggle to walk or sit down.
They may get infections in their private parts.
Girls and women may become pregnant without wanting to.

People who are experiencing Sexual Abuse may change their behaviour, not want to talk or may start to hurt themselves.

Sexual abuse is a serious crime.
If you or someone you know is in immediate danger you should call 999, or if it is not an emergency you can call the police for help on 101.

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Getting more information

For more details about the work of the East Riding Safeguarding Adults Board please visit our website www.ersab.gov.uk You will find information about other types of abuse and neglect and how to tell someone about it, to make it stop.

Keeping Adults Safe from Harm