

Title	Describe risk factors and indicators of child abuse		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: child abuse; risk factors which make a child vulnerable to abuse; and the indicators of child abuse.
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Classification	Social Services > Social Service Work with Abuse, Neglect, and Violence
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance information

- 1 Legislation and Code relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to:
 - Article 19 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCROC). Available at: www.ohchr.org/en/;
 - Children’s Act 2014;
 - Crimes Act 1961;
 - Family Violence Act 2018;
 - Family Proceedings Act 1980;
 - Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Human Rights Act 1993;
 - Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992;
 - Official Information Act 1982;
 - Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 (Children’s and Young People’s Well-being Act 1989);
 - Privacy Act 1993;
 - Smoke-free Environments Act 1990.

- 2 Resources:
 - Child Matters. (2011). *How can I tell? Recognising child abuse*. Available at: www.childmatters.org.nz/;
 - Oranga Tamariki. (n.d.). *An interagency guide: Working Together*. Available at: <https://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz/>;
 - World Health Organization (WHO). (2006). *Preventing child maltreatment: a guide to taking action and generating evidence*. Available at: https://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/child/en/.

- 3 Definition

Cultural practices refer to the ‘ways of living’ which are associated with a particular culture or sub-culture including ethnic, religious or group affiliation. Cultural practices influence the behaviour of members of the culture and sub-culture and may relate to a range of things including diet, dress, family arrangements, power relationships,

leadership and status.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe child abuse.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Child abuse is described in terms of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989, Article 19 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCROC), and WHO.
- 1.2 Different categories of child abuse are described in terms of physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect.
- 1.3 Attitudes to child abuse are described in terms of how they have changed over time.
- Range evidence is required of three attitudes.
- 1.4 Legislation relevant to the area of child abuse is described in terms of its main purpose.
- Range evidence is required of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989, the Crimes Act 1961, the Children's Act 2014, and a minimum of one other.

Outcome 2

Describe risk factors which make a child vulnerable to abuse.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Risk factors associated with child abuse are described in terms of how they increase a child's vulnerability to abuse.
- Range evidence is required of three risk factors.
- 2.2 The potential relationship between cultural practices and child abuse is described in terms of how they can increase a child's vulnerability to abuse.
- 2.3 Attributing factors of children are described in terms of how they can make a child vulnerable to abuse.
- Range evidence is required of three attributing factors.
- 2.4 Attributing factors of caregivers are described in terms of how they can make a child vulnerable to abuse.
- Range evidence is required of three attributing factors.

Outcome 3

Describe indicators of child abuse.

Performance criteria

3.1 Child abuse indicators are described, and an example for each age group is given.

Range child abuse includes – physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect;
evidence is required of a minimum of three indicators for each category and three indicators common to all categories;
age groups – preschool, primary school, high school.

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Comments on this unit standard

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