



What is Abuse?

Teaching Sex Ed Online

Neglect—When an adult caregiver fails to protect and take care of the youth.

Verbal Abuse—When individuals say hurtful, criticizing and/or insulting things that cause the youth to feel bad.

Emotional Abuse—When individuals engage in a non-physical pattern of communication with a youth in ways that cause the youth to feel bad. This may manifest as yelling, humiliating, demeaning, and/or intimidating amongst other things.

Physical Abuse—When an individual uses physical force in a way that results in harm/hurt to a youth. This could be punching, shoving, slapping, and/or kicking amongst other things.

Sexual Abuse—When an individual forces a youth to engage in any type of sexual activity that does not include consent. This could include unwanted sexual contact, sexual contact between adults and children, unwanted touching, and/or sexual activity amongst siblings amongst other things.

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