



**Welcome to the Ercall Wood
Safeguarding Bulletin**

Issue 2

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Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead

SPOC: Single Point of Contact (PREVENT) – responsible for preventing children being impacted by extremism

PREVENT: Part of the Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn into extremism

LADO: Local Authority Designated Officer—who deals with position of trust safeguarding issues

CEOP: Child Exploitation and On-line Protection Centre

KCSIE: Keeping Children Safe in Education (available on the school web pages)

CAMHS: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

MARAC: Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences

PPO: Police Protection Order

CPS: Crime Prosecution Service

CPOMS – Child Protection Online Monitoring and Safeguarding system (safeguarding and child protection software for schools).

EHA: Early Help Assessment

SEND: Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

DA – Domestic abuse

DV – Domestic Violence

Domestic Abuse

Recognise domestic abuse

Anyone can be a victim of domestic abuse, regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexuality or background.

What is domestic abuse?

Domestic abuse is not always physical violence. It can also include:

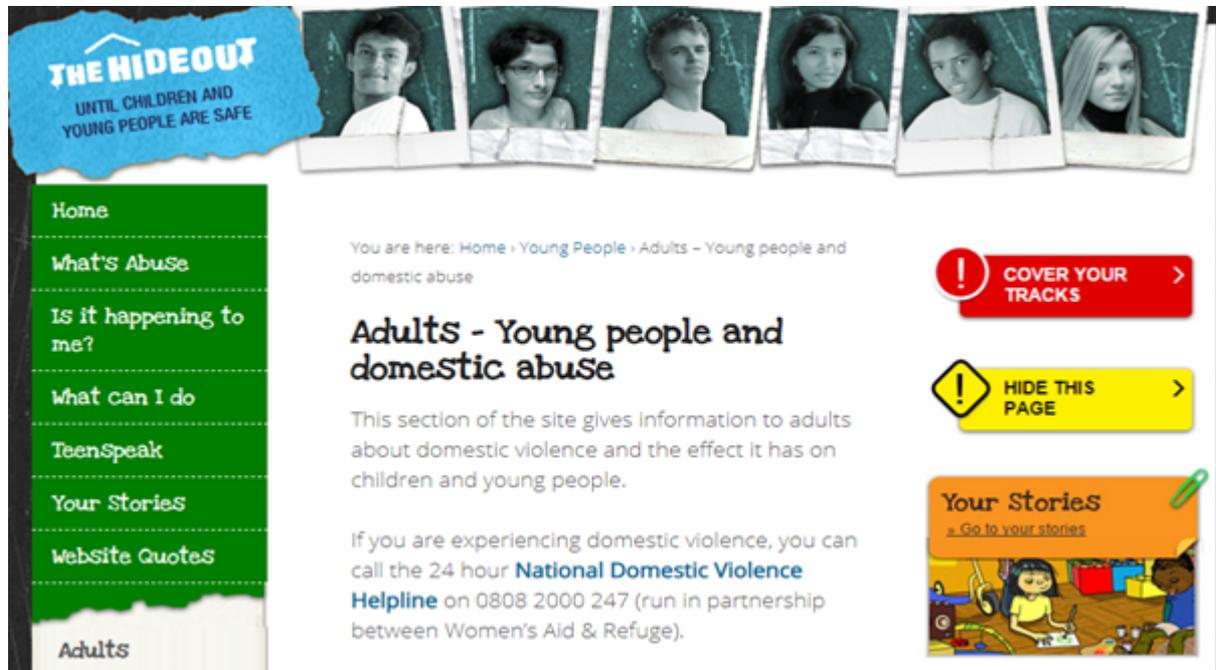
- coercive control and 'gaslighting'
- economic abuse
- online abuse
- threats and intimidation
- emotional abuse
- sexual abuse

What signs to look for

If you believe that you or someone else could be a victim of domestic abuse, there are signs that you can look out for including:

- being withdrawn, or being isolated from family and friends
- having bruises, burns or bite marks
- having finances controlled, or not being given enough to buy food or pay bills

- not being allowed to leave the house, or stopped from going to college or work
- having your internet or social media use monitored, or someone else reading your texts, emails or letters
- being repeatedly belittled, put down or told you are worthless
- being pressured into sex
- being told that abuse is your fault, or that you're overreacting



The screenshot shows a website page with a blue banner at the top that reads "THE HIDEOUT UNTIL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SAFE" and a row of six polaroid-style photos of diverse young people. On the left is a green navigation menu with the following items: Home, What's Abuse, Is it happening to me?, What can I do, TeenSpeak, Your Stories, Website Quotes, and Adults. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: "You are here: Home > Young People > Adults - Young people and domestic abuse". The main heading is "Adults - Young people and domestic abuse". Below this is a paragraph: "This section of the site gives information to adults about domestic violence and the effect it has on children and young people." A call to action states: "If you are experiencing domestic violence, you can call the 24 hour **National Domestic Violence Helpline** on 0808 2000 247 (run in partnership between Women's Aid & Refuge)." On the right side, there are three buttons: a red "COVER YOUR TRACKS" button with an exclamation mark icon, a yellow "HIDE THIS PAGE" button with a warning icon, and an orange "Your Stories" button with a paperclip icon and a link to "Go to your stories" above a small illustration of a person writing.

Make Yourself Heard

In danger, need the police, but can't speak?

- 1 Dial 999**
- 2 Listen** to the questions from the 999 operator
- 3 Respond** by coughing or tapping the handset if you can
- 4** If prompted, **press 55**
This lets the 999 call operator know it's a genuine emergency and you'll be put through to the police.

See our guide for more information.



#MakeYourselfHeard
#SilentSolution



www.policeconduct.gov.uk



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NPCC
National Police Chiefs' Council

It is not true that police will automatically attend if you make a silent 999 call. Callers need to listen and respond to questions and instructions, including by coughing or tapping the handset if possible, or if using a mobile phone, once prompted by the automated Silent Solution system, pressing 55.

The system filters out thousands of accidental or hoax silent 999 calls made daily. Around 50 emergency calls from mobiles a day are transferred by a BT operator to police forces in the UK as a result of someone having pressed 55 when prompted, enabling the police to carry out urgent enquiries to respond.

IOPC Regional Director Catrin Evans said: "It is always best to actually speak to a police call handler if you can, even if by whispering, but if you are putting yourself or someone else in danger by making a sound, there is something you can do.

"Make yourself heard by coughing, tapping the handset or once prompted by the automated system, by pressing 55

- Around 20,000 silent 999 calls (where no response is obtained to questions) are made a day. Of those, around 5,000 are transferred to the Silent Solution system because doubt

whether the call is genuine exists.

The 55 instruction is detected around 50 times a day (1 per cent of all silent calls put through to the system).

- A [Silent Solutions 'How to Guide'](#) can be found here

National Helpline



For women and children.
Against domestic violence.

The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline
0808 2000 247

[What is abuse?](#)

[Your rights and options](#)

[How we can support you](#)

[Supporting a survivor](#)

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Local Helpline

FamilyConnect

Keeping Connected



ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE?
DON'T SIT IN SILENCE!

Online Safety Use of media - Game/Film Classifications

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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:


Universal, suitable for all ages


Parental Guidance required


Suitable for people aged 12 and over


Suitable for people aged 12 and over, anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult


Suitable for people aged 15 and over


Suitable for people aged 18 and over


Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional content descriptors help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:


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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:










LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without your knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info

www.nationalonlinesafety.com
[Twitter - @natonlinesafety](https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety)
[Facebook - /NationalOnlineSafety](https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety)

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