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Child abuse is a serious crime in the UK

Child abuse is against the law.
You must never:

- physically hurt a child
- shout at or threaten a child
- have sex or sexual contact with a child under 16
- leave a child alone without an adult
- deny a child food, clothes, shelter or care
- cut or harm a girl's genitals (known as female genital mutilation)



If you break these rules, you could be arrested by the police and sent to prison. This could affect your asylum claim.



Worried about a child? Speak to staff at your accommodation or call NSPCC on **0808 800 5000**



If a child is in danger now, call **999**
Reporting a concern will not affect your asylum claim.