

Children can be abused physically, sexually, emotionally or through neglect. The concerns that you have may make up part of a bigger picture which could help to prevent serious harm to a child. Giving families help at an early stage can prevent abuse and neglect.

This leaflet is the first of 3 levels of training for people who work in either a paid or voluntary role with children in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. If they have not already done so, ask your employer to talk through this leaflet with you and tell you who to contact within your organisation if you have concerns. If you think you need further training talk to the person who gave you this leaflet or to your manager.

**NEVER KEEP CONCERNS  
ABOUT CHILDREN'S SAFETY  
TO YOURSELF**

## CONTACTS

South West Child Protection Procedures  
([www.swcpp.org.uk](http://www.swcpp.org.uk))

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly  
Safeguarding Children's Partnership  
([www.safechildren-cios.co.uk](http://www.safechildren-cios.co.uk)).

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| Emergency Services  | 999           |
| Devon and Cornwall<br>Police  | 101           |
| Cornwall Children's Social<br>Care Multi-Agency<br>Referral Unit (MARU) | 0300 1231 116 |
| Cornwall Children's Social<br>Care - out of hours                       | 01208 251300  |

Keep this leaflet in a safe place you  
never know when you might need it!



# Kernow Learning

**CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING  
CHILDREN**  
in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

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**KEEPING CHILDREN  
SAFE**

No one wants to hear about children  
being abused, neglected or unsafe and  
that sometimes makes it difficult to  
respond so ....

Remember these three important  
messages:

- 1 ALL CHILDREN HAVE A RIGHT TO BE SAFE NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE OR WHAT THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES.**
- 2 KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**
- 3 WE ALL NEED TO LISTEN TO CHILDREN EVEN THOUGH WE MAY NOT ALWAYS BE COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT WE HEAR.**

## **WHO SHOULD I TALK TO IF I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT A CHILD?**

Write the name and contact details here of who you should talk to in your school if you have concerns about a child, if possible write two people down in case one is not available.

**Name:** Jules Jenkin (Headteacher)

**Role:** Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Name:** Steve Cruse (Year 6 Teacher)

**Role:** Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Phone:** 01326 372662

If these contact people are not available do not delay, instead contact one of the numbers at the end of this leaflet.

## **REMEMBER**

- It doesn't matter if you are a paid worker, a volunteer or a member of the community, you have a responsibility to act if you are worried about a child.
- Each agency will have someone who has a responsibility for child protection and safeguarding issues - they have had training to know what to do next.
- It is not your responsibility to investigate child abuse but you should tell the appropriate person within your organisation. It will be this person's job to decide whether to pass your concerns on. If necessary they will speak to Children's Social Care or the police. The police and social workers can then decide whether they need to investigate your concerns.