



# ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

## Types of Abuse

### Physical Abuse

- Any intentional aggressive use of force against another person.
- Examples: hitting, slapping, pinching, scalding
- Indicators: unexplained injuries, wariness of contact

### Sexual Abuse

- Non-consensual/illegal sexual act against or with another person.
- Examples: sexual assault, fondling, exposure to pornography
- Indicators: wariness of contact, inappropriate sexual knowledge

### Psychological Abuse

- Persistent emotional mistreatment or neglect of another person.
- Examples: verbal abuse, forced isolation, threats, etc.
- Indicators: social withdrawal, submissive, self-harm

### Neglect

- Failure to provide basic requirement physical/emotional development or sustenance.
- Examples: not providing sufficient food, shelter, clothing
- Indicators: poor hygiene, stealing food, untreated medical issues

### Spiritual Abuse

- Abuse perpetrated by a person in authority and trust within the Church, supposedly in the name of God.
- Examples: deliberately distorting scripture to manipulate/punish
- Indicators: sudden loss/crisis of faith

If you think it's wrong ..... report it.