



Has your child
been exposed
to a domestic
incident?

What to expect

WANDSWORTH
Safeguarding
CHILDREN &
YOUNG PEOPLE



Domestic abuse and children

If you are experiencing domestic abuse it is very likely that your children will be aware of what is happening.

Children will try to interpret what is happening and worry about their role in causing the violence to happen.

Children respond to witnessing abuse in different ways; they may become anxious, withdrawn, depressed or angry. This can affect their school performance, social wellbeing and even future relationships.

Explain to your child that what is happening is not their fault.

Tearose: Your child's school

If your child attends a school in Wandsworth and Police have responded to a domestic incident, his or her headteacher or school safeguarding lead will be told by 9am the next morning of what has happened.

This is to make sure that a support network is put in place and your child's teachers are aware of his/her welfare.

The school will work with you, the Police and Children's Social Care to help your child.

Your child's school will only be told of what they need to know. Information is shared confidentially through secure email, by trained Officers in the Community Safety Unit.

How you can help your child

The Police will tell Children's Social Care about a child involved or present in a domestic incident. This is to make sure that any child at risk of harm is protected.

You can help your child by making sure they:

Children's Social Care may be in touch with you to offer you support and guidance.

For free, impartial and confidential advice about your child's welfare contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.



Where to go for help

Childline

a private and confidential service for children and young people up to the age of 19.

0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk

NSPCC

Provides help and support to thousands of parents, professionals and families. You can call the helpline for advice or to share concerns about a child, anonymously if you wish.

0808 800 5000 www.nspcc.org.uk

Wandsworth Children's Social Care

Provides you with guidance, information, support and advice in Wandsworth.

020 8871 6622 www.wscb.org.uk

Wandsworth Safety Net (Victim Support)

Provides an independent and confidential advocacy service for all victims of domestic abuse.

020 7801 1777

Wandsworth One Stop Shop

Drop-in service offering confidential advice and legal support to people living with domestic abuse.

Monday 10am-12:30pm (not bank holidays).
St. Mark's, Battersea Rise, SW11 1EJ
07884 340 117 (Opening hours only)