

Think about ...



Keeping

Yourself

Safe

**I was
hungry**

**MY CLOTHES
WEREN'T
CLEAN**

**ALWAYS TELL IF
YOU'RE BEING
ABUSED. I DID!**

He did those
things when we
were alone

**I had to hide
the marks on
my skin**

**IT'S NOT
YOUR FAULT**

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Child abuse happens if someone is neglecting you or hurting you emotionally, physically or sexually. It's important to know how to keep yourself safe. If someone is neglecting you or hurting you it is important that you tell someone.

Don't be afraid to say "No" if someone asks you to do something which makes you feel uncomfortable. Always remember that some secrets should never be kept - abusers often say "it's our secret" as a way of keeping you quiet.

STAY SAFE ON LINE - Never give out any personal information, no matter who you think you're talking to. Never post pictures of yourself or do anything on social networking sites that you feel isn't right or you might find embarrassing in the future. You should always remember that internet users can

pretend to be anyone. Never arrange to meet someone you have met on-line!

When going out take your mobile phone with you. Make sure someone knows where you are. If you are out at night - don't walk or travel home alone!

Always tell if someone is making you feel uncomfortable, confused or scared

If you or someone you know is being neglected or emotionally, physically or sexually abused - tell an adult you trust or speak to your school counsellor. The following organisations can help you if you or someone you know feels unsafe.

Helplines:

Childline 0800 1111

Samaritans 0845 790 9090

Lifeline 0808 808 8000

Domestic Violence Helpline
(24 hours) 0800 917 1414

Useful Websites:

www.nidirect.gov.uk/protecting-yourself - information about keeping yourself safe

www.childline.org.uk/Explore/AbuseSafety/Pages/AbuseSafety.aspx - information about abuse and keeping safe

www.childline.org.uk/Explore/OnlineSafety/Pages/OnlineSafety.aspx - keeping yourself safe online and with your mobile

www.thinkuknow.co.uk - information about keeping yourself safe on the internet

www.thehideout.org.uk - information about domestic abuse