

# Neglect - Spot the Risk

## RED FLAGS - What to look out for

Untreated injuries, medical conditions or dental issues

Appears **unclean or smelly**. May exhibit **shame or embarrassment** about this

**Losing weight** or being **underweight**.

**Always hungry** or asking for snacks. May be **unusually focussed** on food or show **extreme disinterest**. May **hide food** in bag or pockets

Not having **many friends** or any **hobbies or interests**.

Wearing clothing **inappropriate for the season or activity**. E.g. not having a winter coat or shoes that don't fit

**Regularly** complaining of **tiredness/lack of sleep or exhibiting fatigue**. They may appear pale and have dark circles under their eyes

**Left alone/unsupervised** for a period of time unsuitable for **age or developmental stage**

**Not asking for medical help**, e.g. if they have fallen and grazed themselves



## Your next steps:

- Notify the on-site manager or DSL immediately
- Complete a Cause for Concern form



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