

Mawsley School Safeguarding Newsletter:

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Welcome to the first safeguarding newsletter of this new academic year. We always aim to provide parents and carers with relevant safeguarding information and advice and to make this as contextually relevant for our school community as possible.

If you feel that there is a topic or issue that you would like to see in our newsletters, please email Jen Tedore: jenny.tedore@mawsley.org.uk



Do You Know How to Make a Silent Call?

Sometimes, 999 operators receive silent calls that are either nuisance or accidental calls. However, people are being encouraged to make silent calls if they are in danger, where making a call could increase their chances of being hurt e.g. a domestic abuse / intruder situation. To know how to alert a member of the emergency services that you need help, without drawing attention to yourself, please read the following advice from Cambridgeshire Constabulary:

If you are in danger, call 999 and try to speak to the operator if you can, even by whispering. You may also be asked to cough or tap the keys on your phone to answer questions.

Call [999](#) from a mobile

If you don't speak or answer questions, press 55 or tap when prompted and your call will be transferred to the police.

The police will usually be able to find your location.

If you don't press 55 or respond, your call could be ended.



Call [999](#) from a landline

If you don't speak or answer questions and the operator can only hear background noise, they'll transfer your call to the police.

If you replace the handset, the landline may remain connected for 45 seconds in case you pick it up again.

Calling 999 from a landline automatically gives the police information about your location.

Domestic Abuse:

What Do We Know?

Domestic abuse is one of the most common types of safeguarding concerns in Northamptonshire. That can start when a relationship becomes unhealthy.

Intensity

Over the top behavior that feels like too much too soon. Lying to cover up insecurity. Obsessive behavior

Jealousy

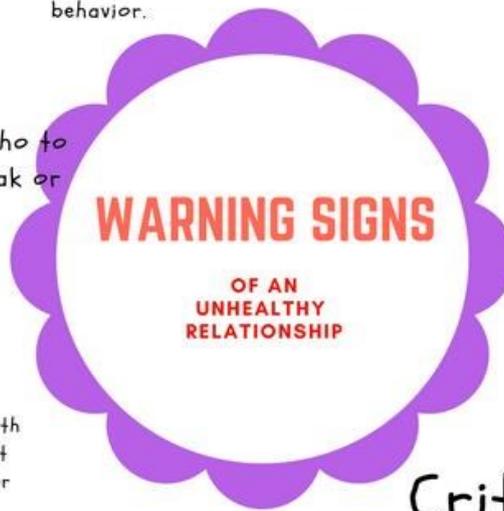
Irrational, angry behavior when you speak with someone he or she perceives as a threat. Persistently accusing you of flirtatious or inappropriate behavior.

Anger

Overreacting to small issues. Losing control. Violent outbursts. Making you feel afraid.

Control

Telling you what to wear, who to hang out with, when to speak or what to think



Alcohol

Becoming overly-emotional after drinking. Sobbing, threatening to harm oneself, becoming violent or angry. Not remembering what happened while drunk. Using 'I was drunk' as an excuse for poor behavior.

Isolation

Insisting you only spend time with him or her. Making you dependent on him or her for money, love, or acceptance

Criticism

Calling you names. Brainwashing you to feel worthless.

Sabotage

Making you miss school, work, or something important to you by starting a fight, pretending to be sick, breaking up with you, or hiding your phone or keys.

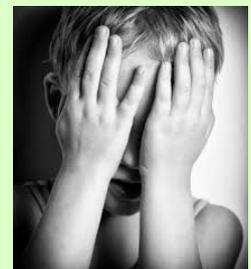
Blame

Making you feel guilty. Making you feel like everything is your fault.

Children who witness or experience domestic abuse are now recognized as victims of domestic abuse.

These children may experience:

- not getting the care and support they need from their parents or carers as a result of the abuse
- hearing the abuse from another room
- seeing someone they care about being injured and/or distressed
- finding damage to their home environment like broken furniture
- being hurt from being caught up in or trying to stop the abuse
- being denied access to parts of their home, such as rooms being locked
- being forced out of or losing their home



Domestic abuse can affect anyone and can include:

- **coercive control** such as being told where to go and what to wear or being isolated from friends and family
- **physical abuse** such as being punched, kicked, cut, or being hit with an object
- **emotional abuse** such as being constantly undermined, sworn at, intimidated, ridiculed, harassed, or threatened with harm or death
- **sexual abuse and rape** including within a relationship or being made to have sex with other people
- **stalking and harassment** such as being repeatedly followed or spied on, being regularly given unwanted gifts or receiving unwanted communication
- **economic and financial abuse** such as having access to money controlled or withheld or being prevented

Local help for you or someone that you know:

Relate www.relate.org.uk 0300 100 1234

All Relate counsellors are trained to understand domestic abuse and its impact on relationships.

Sunflower Centre www.voicenorthants.org/about-voice-northants/sunflower-centre/ 0808 2000 247

The Sunflower Centre aims to identify those most at risk of harm and plans ways to help keep them safe.

Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service (NDAS) www.ndas.co 0300 0120 154

NDAS provides refuge services across Northamptonshire.

Eve www.eveda.org.uk 01604 230311

Support for women and children who are survivors of domestic violence and abuse.

Northamptonshire Rape Crisis www.nothamptonshirerapecrisis.co.uk 01604 250721

Free helpline: 0300 222 59 30. Confidential advice on rape and sexual abuse.

Serenity (Sexual Assault Referral Centre) www.nhft.nhs.uk/serenity 0800 183 0023.

Offers practical help and emotional support, including medical examinations, emergency contraception and pregnancy testing.

Voice www.voicenorthants.org 0300 303 1965 info@voicenorthants.org

A free, confidential support service offering specialist domestic abuse support.

If you hear or witness signs of domestic abuse at home or within the community, please call 999 and report this to the police. **You can do this anonymously.**

For non immediate concerns relating to a child or family within our school community, you can raise

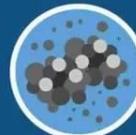


Allergies and Medical Lists

In children, many may not know that they are allergic until they have had a reaction for the first time.

ALLERGY SYMPTOMS



RED EYES 	SNEEZING 	RASH 
RUNNY NOSE 	TEARING 	ITCHING 
FRUITS 	NUTS 	SUN 
POLLEN 	INSECTS 	DUST 

Whilst some allergies can be irritating, others can be life threatening.

Nut Allergies

If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction. Nuts touching the skin or smelling a product containing nuts can trigger an allergic reaction which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties.

We request that families, do not put any nut products in their child's packed lunch, or give them a snack containing nuts.

Staff members and visitors are also asked not to bring any nut products in to school.

Mild or Moderate Allergic Reaction

 Swelling of face, eyes

Tingling in the mouth
Swelling of the lips 

Hives or welts
(anywhere on the body) 

 Stomach pain, vomiting
(NOTE: These are signs of anaphylaxis for insect allergy)

Severe Allergic Reaction (Anaphylaxis)

Persistent dizziness
Collapse
Pale and floppy (young children) 

Swelling of tongue
Difficulty talking or hoarse voice 

Difficult or noisy breathing
Wheeze or persistent cough 

Swelling or tightness in throat 

! If someone with known asthma and food, insect or medication allergy has sudden breathing difficulty, **give adrenaline injector FIRST**, then asthma reliever puffer

Stay Safe, This Halloween!

Wherever you go and whatever you do, have a look at these top tips.

HOW TO HAVE A SPOOKY AND SAFE HALLOWEEN

- Never go trick or treating alone or split up from your friends
- Always check with your parents or carer first
- Only go to houses where you or your friends know who lives there
- Don't knock on doors where there is a sign asking you not to disturb
- Don't go into any house - stay on the doorstep
- Don't talk to strangers on the street
- Stay in well-lit areas & carry a torch
- Take care crossing roads - it may be hard to see so well in a costume
- Although Halloween is about looking spooky, be careful not to frighten the elderly
- Eggs & flour make a mess & most shops won't sell them to under 16s over Halloween

HAVE FUN, STAY SAFE & RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

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HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Make Halloween safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips...

- Use a battery-operated candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns.
- When choosing costumes, stay away from long trailing fabric.
- Teach children to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like lightbulbs and heaters.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes. Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.

CHECK OUT SPARKY.ORG FOR MORE SPOOKY FUN!

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Out of Hours Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child, who is not in immediate danger of harm, please speak to one of our designated safeguarding leads during school hours.

Outside of schools hours, please contact the MASH team on 0300 126 7000 (option 1) or email them at: MASH@nctrust.co.uk.

If you think that a child is in immediate danger, please contact the police / emergency service immediately on: 999

