

WHAT IS CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE?

involvement of a child in sexual activity that they do not fully comprehend & cannot give informed consent

between a child and an adult or another child who by age or development is in a relationship of responsibility, trust or power, the activity being intended to gratify or satisfy the needs of the other person

both touching and non-touching behaviors

violates the laws or social taboos of society

does not have to involve penetration, force, pain

child is not developmentally prepared & cannot give consent

can happen between children (esp. if age, developmental or size difference exists)

non-touching: looking, showing, viewing sexually explicit material, creating or viewing child abuse material

all sexual touching between an adult and a child is sexual abuse

