

Een veilig thuis voor iedereen (Engels)

A safe home for everyone

Information about the Reporting Code for Domestic Violence and Child Abuse

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Introduction

Well over 119,00 children and more than 200,000 adults are faced with violence or neglect. This is a threat to their development, safety and health, and can even cause permanent physical and mental harm.

We are obliged by law to use the Reporting Code for Domestic Violence and Child Abuse if we suspect someone is living in an unsafe home situation. Moreover, we feel it is important that everyone, young and old, feels safe at home.

What is the Reporting Code?

The Reporting Code is a step-by-step plan on how a doctor or other care-giver should act if they suspect someone is suffering from domestic violence, child abuse or elder abuse.

In the entire hospital, doctors, nurses and other care-givers look out for signs that could indicate this. They use a screening form for identifying these signs. This is done in the Accident & Emergency unit for all children younger than 18 years of age. If necessary, this can also be done for adults and the elderly irrespective of the reason they are there. The doctor, nurse or care-giver may ask you questions regarding your home situation.

Completing the screening form is usually a formality All information is treated confidentially.

Child check

If you as a parent or carer of minors or needy children are being treated, in accordance with the Reporting Code it is checked whether there are any concerns regarding the health or safety of your child.

For example: It is not good for a child to grow up in a family in which a parent:

- Is abused.
- Uses drugs or drinks excessively.
- Has serious mental complaints.
- Attempts to commit suicide.

A report is made to Veilig Thuis (Safe Home)

Using the Reporting Code should enable us to detect domestic problems or problems in the home environment early and thus call in the right sort of assistance or support. This can be, for example, the general practitioner and Veilig Thuis (Safe Home) is sometimes consulted. Their advice may be to report our concerns to them. Veilig Thuis is there to ensure that help is given to all those involved, so that the situation improves. The doctor in charge discusses this with you openly.

Dare to report

If you are living in an unsafe home environment, confide in someone. This could be your doctor or another person whom you trust.

Do you suspect a situation involving domestic violence or child abuse in your environment? Then contact Veilig Thuis:



www.vooreenveiligthuis.nl

Questions?

Do you have any questions after reading this leaflet? Contact the doctor in charge or the domestic violence and child abuse coordinator.

She can be reached at telephone number (078) 654 1600 or cell-phone number 06 30421952.

If you want to know more about the Reporting Code: see the website:



www.meldcode.nl

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