



## Pause for a child

Child abuse and neglect are not confined to any particular socioeconomic class, race or ethnicity, or religion. Children younger than 4 are at the greatest risk of severe injury or death. There are a number of situations that place children at particular risk for being abused or neglected, including:

- Parents who were abused as children themselves
- Teenage parents
- Parental or family substance abuse
- Parental depression, stress or other mental health problems
- Family violence, such as intimate partner violence
- Unemployment and poverty
- Community violence
- Family isolation
- Lack of parental knowledge of child development and understanding children's needs
- Lack of caregiver support for dealing with children with disabilities or developmental delays.

