



Abuse during the Coronavirus Pandemic

As key workers on the frontline during this crisis, you are not only providing a critical service to the country to ensure our safety, but you may also be the only other people that victims of abuse have interactions with outside of their home.

This means you are in a unique position to help those suffering from abuse, and potentially save lives.

Here are some signs that you can be on the lookout for, and you may find that the signs build up the more you see an individual:

- Physical injuries
- Clothing worn or heavy make-up to cover injuries
- Appearing afraid or anxious to please their partner
- Checking in with their partner to report where they are
- Not having their own access to money
- Being withdrawn and unwilling to engage in conversation
- Presenting as meek, fearful or extremely apologetic
- Shouting and screaming regularly heard from the same homes

This may be a family in crisis that needs help now.

If the abuse is happening now and they are at risk right now, call 999. Alternatively call 101 and report it, or via Crimestoppers confidentially. Alternative routes to report include the NSPCC and Victims First.

For more information on how you can help, please visit
www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/ap/adult-elder-abuse/
or www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/caa/child-abuse/