



Basic Training Section 2 Scenarios: Recognising and Reporting Abuse

Spend 10 minutes now working through this scenario. Ask your Safe Church Representative for the information sheet on responding to the questions, once you have answered each question below.

Scenario A:

You are a leader at a youth camp. Children from both the church and outside the church are attending and over the time you have a chance to meet and get to know Max, a 13 year old boy in your camp bible study group. Max is not from a church-going family and is on the camp at the invitation of some friends. He seems quiet and withdrawn at first but as the camp progresses he starts to relax and talk with you.

One night there is a campfire and as people sit quietly around it chatting Max tells you that he has enjoyed being away from home and having a break. When you ask him what he means by this, Max says, "My dad gets angry and hits my mum after he's had a drink sometimes. He frightens me. A couple of weeks ago he hit mum so hard I was scared and tried to stop him. He did stop then but I'm scared what will happen next time. I'd rather he hit me than mum."

- 1) What can you say?
- 2) What steps do you take next?
- 3) How should you look out for Max for the rest of the camp?