



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 B:

Annie is a 14 year old member of your ministry group. She has been attending the ministry group for the last two years and you have had a chance to get to know her over this time. You don't know her family well although you know she has a step-father and some siblings.

One afternoon as everyone is preparing to leave from a ministry group event Annie approaches you and asks if she can talk to you privately. You go to a corner of the room and sit down to listen. She then asks you, "What would you do if someone told you they were being abused by their step-father?"

1) What is your answer?

Annie then tells you that in the last six months or so her step-father has started coming into the bedroom while she is in there, particularly when there is no one else in the house. Sometimes he goes in at night before bedtime and he insists that he stay while she gets changed. Recently he has started kissing and touching her. He sometimes tells her he loves her "in a special way". Annie has tried to get him to leave but he doesn't always listen to her. She says, "I can't tell mum because she will never believe me. I don't know what to do."

2) What can you say?

3) What steps do you take next?