

Sadly during the corona virus pandemic domestic violence and child sexual abuse has increased. A new campaign signposts how to access help for victims of abuse and provide reassurance that police response & support services remain available during the coronavirus pandemic.

Coronavirus household isolation instruction does not apply to anyone who needs to leave their home to escape domestic abuse.

The Rail Delivery Group also announced those fleeing domestic abuse during the coronavirus lockdown can apply for free train travel to refuge accommodation. Tickets can be accessed through the member services of Women's Aid Federation of England, Welsh Women's Aid, Scottish Women's Aid and Imkaan.

- Government guidance on how to get help: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help>
- Read the Home Secretary's statement: <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/home-secretary-outlines-support-for-domestic-abuse-victims>
- Announcement on train tickets: <https://media.raildeliverygroup.com/news/train-companies-to-offer-free-travel-to-those-fleeing-domestic-abuse-during-coronavirus-lockdown>

Call the [National Domestic Abuse Helpline](#) for free and confidential advice, 24 hours a day on 0808 2000 247.

Resources and helpline on child sexual abuse

The government wants to ensure that the public are aware of the resources and helplines they can access to help them prevent Child Sexual Abuse. There is support available through the Lucy Faithfull Foundation, such as:

- A confidential helpline (Stop It Now! – 0808 1000 900) for anyone who is concerned about their own behaviour or the behaviour of others – this can be accessed by any member of the public or by professionals who need advice on child sexual abuse risk whether they are concerned about the behaviour of an adult or someone under-18. There is also a secure messaging service available through <https://contactus.stopitnow.org.uk/>.
- Information and advice on child sexual abuse through their website: <https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/>

There are also resources available specifically for children, young people, parents and carers:

- The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command Centre (CEOP) have just launched a campaign (#OnlineSafetyAtHome) promoting their resources on preventing all forms of online child sexual abuse; this includes resources for all age groups and for those concerned about sexting – <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- There are resources for parents on the NSPCC website about online safety and all forms of child sexual abuse: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>