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# Child Protection and Welfare Practice Handbook

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## Description

The introduction and use of the Child Protection and Welfare Practice Handbook will standardise the nationwide implementation of Children First. Children First National Guidance 2011 promotes the protection of children from abuse and neglect. The Guidance states what organisations need to do to keep children safe, and what different bodies, and the general public should do if they are concerned about a child's safety and welfare. It sets out specific protocols for HSE social workers, Gardaí and other front line staff in dealing with suspected abuse and neglect.

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